



# Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2026-0009

**Motion:** 26-009

**Type:**

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

**Requested Handling:**

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

**Fund Source:**

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

**Executive Rec:**

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**Subject:** Approve the elimination of the solid waste disposal fee for household materials damaged by the flood event of December 2025.

**Scope:** The proposed motion would allow the Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division to implement a voucher program to waive the tip fee for up to 60-days for those citizens with flood damaged household materials related to the flood event of December 2025. Acceptable flood damaged goods from residences includes carpets, mattresses, clothing, furniture, water-soaked plasterboard, appliances (except refrigerators and freezers), oil-based paints, and small amounts of household hazardous waste.

**Duration:** This would waive fees for up to 60 days (proposed start date January 18, 2026, with an end date of March 19, 2026).

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  N/A

Expend	2026	Total
402.5067064722 Waste Export Disposal	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total	\$50,000	\$50,000
Revenue	2026	Total
Solid Waste 402	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total	\$50,000	\$50,000

**Authority Granted:** Approve for a period of sixty days beginning January 18, 2026, the elimination of solid waste disposal fees for residents disposing of household goods damaged by December 2025 floods, under SCC 7.41.022.

**Background:** On December 10, 2025, the Governor of the State of Washington declared a State of Emergency. Executive Dave Somers issued a proclamation of emergency in Snohomish County due to regional flooding. Snohomish County Code 7.41.022 allows the Executive to waive fees for up to 30 days under a State or Federally declared emergency. Council action is required to extend the fee abatement beyond the statutory timeframe.

The Public Works Solid Waste Division requests to extend a voucher program an additional 60 (sixty) days, that would allow effected residents with flood-damaged materials to discard them at no charge at Snohomish County Solid Waste Facilities.

**Action Requested:** For Council to consider the motion.