



Planning and Community Development

Ryan Countryman

Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2023-0967

Motion: 23-356

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: Convening the Board of Equalization

Scope: Motion 23-356 would Convene the Snohomish County Board of Equalization for the purpose of hearing appeals filed for the 2023 assessment year.

Duration: Until hearings on 2023 assessments are complete.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

Authority Granted: Legislative authorization to convene and begin holding appeal hearings under RCW 84.48.010.

Background: The Board of Equalization reviews appeals to assessed valuation of real and personal property. The board has five members and two alternates that serve three-year terms and may not serve more than three consecutive full terms. The board must convene to hear appeals filed for the current year, and may do so at any time, with the Council's approval, when petitions filed exceed 25 or ten percent of the number of appeals filed in the preceding year. The Board has received approximately 1,750 appeal petitions for the 2022 assessment year and has received over 500 so far for the current 2023 assessment year. This meets the criteria for convening as proposed by Motion 23-356.

Request: Move to General Legislative Session on September 13, 2023, for consideration.