

1 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
2 Snohomish County, Washington

3
4 SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE NO. 22-044

5
6 RELATING TO ESSHB 1799 AND AMENDING SCC 3.04.177
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8 WHEREAS, in March 2022, ESSHB 1799 was signed into Washington law to
9 increase the diversion of organic materials to productive uses and to reduce methane
10 emissions caused by landfills; and

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12 WHEREAS, RCW 43.19A.150 requires the County adopt a compost procurement
13 ordinance by January 1, 2023; and

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15 WHEREAS, in developing this compost procurement ordinance, the County has
16 planned for the use of compost in landscaping projects; construction; and
17 postconstruction soil amendments; application to prevent soil erosion, filter stormwater
18 runoff, and promote vegetation growth, or improve the stability and longevity of roadways;
19 and low-impact development and green infrastructure to filter pollutants or keep water on-
20 site, or both; and

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22 WHEREAS, the County continues to assess the use of compost products in its
23 government-funded projects.

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25 BE IT ORDAINED:

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27 Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 3.04.177, last amended by
28 Amended Ordinance No. 12-074 on February 6, 2013, is amended to read:

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30 **3.04.177 Environmentally preferable purchasing and product utilization.**

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32 County departments shall, to the greatest extent feasible and practicable and in a
33 manner that balances fiscal and environmental stewardship, procure and utilize
34 environmentally preferable materials, products, and services (including
35 construction services). Consistent with SCC 3.04.060(7), the manager shall
36 develop and publish an environmentally preferable purchasing and product
37 utilization policy.

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39 When planning government-funded projects or soliciting and reviewing bids for
40 such projects, county departments shall consider whether compost products, as
41 defined in RCW 43.19A.010, can be utilized in the project.

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43 In purchasing compost products, the county shall give priority to compost products
44 from companies that produce compost products locally, are certified by a nationally
45 recognized organization, and produce compost products that are derived from
46 municipal solid waste compost programs and meet quality standards comparable

1 to standards adopted by the department of transportation or adopted by rule by the
2 department of ecology.

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4 PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

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6 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
7 Snohomish County, Washington

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10 Chairperson

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12 ATTEST:

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15 Clerk of the Council

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23 DATE: _____

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26 County Executive

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32 Approved as to form only:

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35 /s/ Rebecca E. Wendling 10.24.22
36 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney