



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Finance, Budget, and Administration

**Analyst:** Jim Martin

**ECAF:** 2023-0805

**Proposal:** Ord. 23-074

**Date:** August 14, 2023

### **Consideration:**

Relating to County businesses, requiring the acceptance of cash as payment for goods and/or services, adding a new Chapter 6.70 SCC, and providing an effective date.

### **Background**

In recent years, many retailers have moved toward a cashless model of payment, citing improved technology, including tap-to-pay mobile applications, as well as safety concerns of storing and handling cash. People who are unbanked or underbanked, as well as those who might prefer to use cash for some purchases, might find it difficult to purchase from retailers that use a cashless model, and might be limited in the food, consumer goods, and consumer services they can procure.

### **Current Proposal**

Adding chapter 6.70 SCC related to the requirement of cash acceptance for County businesses.

*Duration:* N/A

*Fiscal Implications:* N/A

**2023 Budget:** N/A

**Future Budget Impacts:** None.

**Handling:** NORMAL

**Approved-as-to-form:** YES

**Risk Management:** N/A.

**Executive Recommendation:** N/A.

**Attachments:** See ECAF packet.

**Amendments:** NONE.

**Request:** Move to General Legislative Session on August 30<sup>th</sup> to set time and date for a public hearing.