Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:
☐Yes
☒No

ECAF: 2025-0890
Ordinance: 25-018

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: Amending SCCS 25.20

Scope: The proposed Ordinance 25-018 will add a new section (25.20.054) allowing for the service charge for aquatic plant control on lakefront property at Lake Serene. The proposed aquatic plant control service charge would be in addition to the annual service charges currently in place under SCC 25.20.020.

	NEW Annual Service Charge for Aquatic Plant Control (per parcel)				
	2026	**2027**	**2028**	**2029**	**2030**
Lakefront Property	$125.00	$125.00	$315.00	$315.00	$315.00

Duration: January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030.

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

Authority Granted: The County Council adopts the recitals as findings of fact and conclusions as set forth in Ordinance 25-018, under RCW 36.32.120 and Snohomish County Charter 2.48.

Background: Lake Serene is located west of Highway 99 between Mukilteo and Lynnwood. This 45-acre lake is a significant regional resource for fishing, swimming, paddling and aesthetic enjoyment. Multiple species of noxious weeds have infested the lake, threatening the health and sustainability of the lake.

Snohomish County Surface Water Management (SWM) has been working with the Lake Serene Community Association since 2024 to develop an Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan (IAVMP). In addition to the IAVMP, SWM staff have also worked with property owners to develop a funding plan to implement the recommended plan. The property owners around the lake support applying for grants and the creation of a 5-year additional surface water charge for invasive plant management. SWM is in support of the IAVMP and funding plan and is applying for a $75,000 state grant and providing SWM staff time for project management.

Action Requested: For Council to set time and date for a Public Hearing, with the suggested date and time of April 16th, 2025, at 10:30 am.