

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Snohomish County Council will hold a public hearing to consider Ordinance 25-053 on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., in the Jackson Board Room, 8th Floor, Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA, in conjunction with a remote meeting via the following Zoom link:

Zoom Webinar Information:

Join Online: <https://zoom.us/j/94846850772> or by Phone: (253) 215-8782
Meeting ID: 948 4685 0772

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-053

AMENDING CHAPTER 25.20 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE RELATING TO
STORM AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE CREDITS

Background: The ordinance amends provisions of Chapter 25.20 Snohomish County Code (SCC) concerning service charges and credits.

Current county code allows a credit on surface water charges for properties that maintain their onsite stormwater facilities. Code language articulates strict requirements for credit eligibility based on the facility being in compliance with modern development standards. Surface Water Management (SWM) has typically implemented the code to give the credit based on the facility meeting the development standard at the time the facility was originally approved by the County. The proposed code amendment brings code language into alignment with this long-standing practice.

The Federal Clean Water Act obligates federal agencies to pay stormwater charges that are deemed reasonable. The Act allows each agency to evaluate the billed charges and determine their reasonableness based on criteria listed in the Act. The proposed code amendment recognizes that the County has no control over the federal agency determination of county charges and little to no recourse to challenge the finding. The proposed code amendment therefore removes the County's obligation to continue to bill properties owned by federal agencies that have made the determination to not pay local stormwater charges.

Current code allows K-12 schools to receive consideration for the costs of curriculum in reducing the stormwater charges associated with their school properties. The County first notifies each district of impending charges and then evaluates the school district's supplied documentation for the cost of a qualifying curriculum. Typically, the annual curriculum costs meet or exceed the full district-wide stormwater charge for their properties. The proposed amendment changes this in-kind consideration approach to a full exemption of stormwater charges for K-12 schools based on a known curriculum standard that must be met by all accredited schools, both public and private.

At the Public Hearing, the Council may consider amendments to the proposed ordinance.

For More Information: Copies of the proposed ordinance and related documents are available upon request by calling the Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1(800) 562-4367 x3494, TDD 1(800) 877-8339, or by e-mailing Contact.Council@snoco.org. Files are also available on the Council's website at <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx> (File # 2025-2977).

Public Testimony: The public may testify in person or remotely. Submit written testimony to Snohomish County Council, 3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201, or e-mail to contact.council@snoco.org. Submitting written testimony 24 hours prior to the hearing will ensure copies are distributed to the Council and appropriate staff in advance of the hearing.

American with Disabilities Act Notice: Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please contact Elena Lao one week prior to the hearing at (425) 388-3494, 1(800) 562-4367 x3494, TDD 1(800) 877-8339, or by e-mail elena.lao@snoco.org.

Dated this 27th day of October, 2025.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council

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