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**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ord 24-011 Facility Testing Ordinance March 20, 2024  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:21:46 AM

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All decisions have consequences. The Housing First model does not disallow drug use within the no-barrier housing and that leads to contamination of the facility.

The newly purchased hotels required an extensive decontamination prior to being occupied, and will need another decontamination at some point because drug use is not disallowed under the no-barrier housing ordinance.

Is it your expectation that there will be no drug use at those facilities and no further decontamination will be required? At what point does the Housing First Plan require no-barrier housing to be tested and decontaminated?

The point is, decontamination of the facility is inevitable. Experience tells us that the longer you leave something undone, the more effort it takes to clean it up.

Donna Vago  
Snohomish County Resident  
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From: [E.SV](#)  
To: [Contact Council](#)  
Subject: Ordinance 24-011  
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 2:14:22 AM

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To The Snohomish County Council,

Last year you had a **majority** of people testify that they **did not** want local hotels purchased for low-barrier housing. There were mental health professionals, neighbors, drug counselors and even people who had worked in "low-barrier" housing who emphatically urged the council not to go forward with these multi-million-dollar hotel purchases. And yet, 3 of you decided to use your constituent's tax dollars to vote yes. You stated how it's unequitable for drug addicts not to be housed, but you didn't stop to think about the homeless drug-free parents with 3 children who would most-likely be exposed to Fentanyl and Methamphetamine in this environment. No where has this point been proven more, than at CLAIRE'S PLACE, where 40 People were recently displaced when hazardous drug residue was detected.

Those who are addicted to drugs need treatment in a facility that has the proper environment to help them kick their painful habit. Letting them waste away alone, hidden behind a door with their drugs, is not compassionate, humane, or logical. Nor does it make sense to displace those who don't do drugs and who follow the rules, when these hotels become contaminated. Sadly, we cannot rescind the purchase of these hotel shelters. But we can make a difference in the lives of those who will be living there. That is why I'm asking you to please **vote for ordinance 24-011**. This ordinance will implement testing in all county-owned housing facilities for contamination from the dangerous and hazardous chemicals used in drug manufacturing. I would prefer you require weekly testing, just to ensure the safety of all the occupants. Our government test for Asbestos, Radon, Arsenic and other poisonous substances to protect the public, and this should not be any different. And quite frankly, Snohomish County does **not** need any more lawsuits when drug-free occupants get sick from unintended drug exposure.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elizabeth Sisley-Vallins  
Registered voter  
Mukilteo, Wa.

From: [E SV](#)  
To: [E SV: Contact Council](#)  
Subject: Re: Ordinance 24-011  
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 2:28:00 AM

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Dear Snohomish County Council,

As you continue your discussions on the topic of Ordinance 24-011 this morning, please note that Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell, (along with San Francisco Mayor London Breed) admitted this week that "Low Barrier" housing does not work. You can make additional amendments that you think might help, but it's a waste of time. Having the drug addict in the room next door smoking fentanyl for 8-9 months with testing moved to the end of their vacancy, only prolongs their demise, and contributes to noxious chemical exposure between shared hallways and ventilation systems. Why would you even entertain the idea of doubling-down on this losing situation? Other city officials throughout the US have proof that this approach is not working. Why spend our tax dollars to try and reach the SAME conclusion? Vote to test WEEKLY or, my preference, to keep the low-income housing shelters drug-free zones for the majority of the un-housed who are now families with young children. "Children cannot learn and reach their full potential" when there are drugs being taken or sold in their "safe spaces".

Thank you for listening to your constituents,

Elizabeth Sisley-Vallins

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From: E SV <lejouer1@msn.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 2:14 AM  
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The county has really stepped in it when they bought these hotels. Ideology is one thing and reality is another. And the reality is these hotels, and the programs that support it, are costly and difficult to maintain and you have been advised as much. I am reminded of a quote from Edmund Burke, "Preserving my principles unshaken, I reserve my activity for rational endeavours."  
It is one thing to have high ideals and quite another to carry them out at all costs while ignoring the dangers of doing so.

A charitable organization is a much better place for the most vulnerable people seeking temporary shelter than what the government is capable of providing. And the money should be spent supporting those organizations instead of these hotels.

However, my bet is you will continue down this path at all cost in spite of numerous cautions. At the very least you can provide some surety that these rooms are safe for habitation by passing Ord 24-011.

Respectively,  
Donna Vago  
District 2

**From:** [Dennis Dilday](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 24-011  
**Date:** Monday, April 1, 2024 10:48:13 AM

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Please vote in favor.

Thank you,

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**From:** [Elizabeth Lorenz](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance for testing public housing  
**Date:** Monday, April 1, 2024 1:50:14 PM

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Absolutely!!! Do the testing

God bless and keep you and yours . Have a great day and remember to hug those you love .

Denise

**From:** [Gwen Lewis](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 24-011  
**Date:** Monday, April 1, 2024 6:56:31 PM

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Re: The Ordinance

Please, please pass the ordinance requiring testing of county-owned housing facilities for harmful chemicals and substances. We do not want to pay taxes on housing where we are unknowingly supporting drug addiction and drug selling. This should have been a requirement before anybody moves into public housing. Otherwise, we are making our communities ongoing houses of drugs and addiction. Gwen Lewis, Ph.D. P.S. I see the outcome of children who are born to drug-exposed mothers, teenagers that do drugs instead of going to school, adults that are unaware of where they and their children are. If you want more information, you can contact me at my e-mail. Thanks!



**From:** [Richard Pratt](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** 24-011  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024 8:13:56 PM

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I am writing in strong support of this ordinance. Taxpayers shouldn't be subsidizing drug houses. We need periodic testing to catch it when it happens

**From:** [d.vago@frontier.com](mailto:d.vago@frontier.com)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 24-011 | May 1, 2024  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:31:24 AM

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In support of First Proposed Substitute Ordinance 24-011

To Snohomish County Council members,

The vote before you today is Ordinance 24-011, of which you are familiar. This ordinance protects people and property. So I am perplexed as to why you would oppose it. What reasons do you have to oppose an ordinance that aligns with the goals of county owned housing? Unless, I am wrong and it does not align with the goals of the housing first policies. Please explain then what are the goals of housing first if it is not to provide housing to those in need. And what could be wrong with ensuring that the housing is safe for mothers and children and the staff working there?

To the council member that stated in the last meeting that he was reluctant to vote in favor of the ordinance because the legislators will not listen anyway. I was listening, others were listening. Please continue to speak your truth, if for no other reason than it must be spoken.

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**From:** [Donald Ripley](#)  
**To:** [Contact Council](#)  
**Subject:** For MAY 1 MEETING  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 10:00:18 PM

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County Council Members,

We are writing regarding whether or not to conduct contamination testing at county residential facilities, such as the two hotels the county purchased to house homeless.

We feel it is very important to support this testing . We support the First Proposed Substitute Ordinance 24-011.

Testing is very important to provide a safe environment for all.

Testing residents for drug use before they are allowed to move in should also be considered.

Thank you,  
Don and Renee Ripley  
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