



# Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2026-0250

**Motion:** 26-056

**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 (reviewed by)

**Subject:** Motion 26-056 adopts Public Meeting Conduct Rules for the Snohomish County Council

**Scope:** Snohomish County Charter Section 2.60 authorizes the County Council to enact by Ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings and hearings.

The County Council enacted, by Ordinance, Snohomish County Code section 2.48.165(1) which authorizes the Council to pass motions to organize and administer the legislative branch and to perform other administrative acts.

The Council wishes to adopt public meeting conduct rules providing guidance on expectations around participation in public meetings and provide details on possible corrective actions the Chair or Council may take should an individual violate the expectations outlined in the rules.

The main sections of the conduct rules detail the duties of the Presiding Officer (or Chair), Councilmember participation, Respect and Decorum expectations, Presentations to Council, Public Comment and Suspension of Rules.

**Duration:** Until otherwise amended and adopted by motion

**Background:** These goal of adopting public meeting conduct rules is to clarify the Council's the decorum expectations for those who attend and participate in public meetings of the Council. This action is consistent with similar actions taken by other legislative bodies in Snohomish County and Washington State.

**Requested Action:** Consider taking action