



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Works Committee

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ECAF: 2021- 0482

Proposal: Ord. 21-046

Date: 07/20/21

Consideration:

The proposal relates to the apprenticeship program requirements for construction projects and amends Chapters 3.05 of the Snohomish County Code¹.

Background:

Chapter 3.05, Construction Projects – Apprentice Requirements, requires apprentices to be used on the construction of all public works projects. Originally established for the campus redevelopment initiative project, the Code was broadened in 2006 to apply to County construction projects estimated to cost one million dollars or more.

In 2010 the threshold for apprenticeships was lowered to \$250,000 or more, and the goal for apprentices to perform 15% of the total hours on a project was amended.

In 2020 Snohomish County amended the apprentice language to strengthen the apprenticeship program, including requirements and process within Snohomish County Code with the adopted Ordinance 20-028. (The update increased the dollar value of the projects for apprentice use to \$1 million, it kept the labor goal at 15% but required bidders to provide an Apprentice Utilization Plan. ((Purchasing had previously found bidders non-responsive if they failed to meet the apprentice requirements the year prior to the bid solicitation.)) It required contractors to submit monthly or quarterly reports on their utilization of apprentices, which can include veterans to the reporting requirement of apprentice hours and include minorities and women.)

Through the application of this update during the 2021 construction season, certain areas have been identified for further clarification.

Current Proposal:

Scope: Proposed Ordinance 21-046 would relocate language from SCC 3.05.040 to SCC 3.05.025 to more accurately reflect County processes for when apprentice requirements are not applicable (i.e. conflict with federal funding opportunities) and amend SCC 3.05.030(2) to clarify the contractor's responsibility to provide an Apprentice Utilization Plan that reflects the 15% labor hour goal.

Duration: Upon adoption until future amendments.

Fiscal Implications: NA

2021 Budget: NA

Future Budget Impacts: NA

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES

¹ [ch. 3.05 Construction Projects -- Apprentice Requirements | Snohomish County Code](#)

Risk Management: APPROVE.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Analysis

Council has the legislative authority to adopt this ordinance amending county code.

Attachments: Ordinance 20-028.

Amendments: NONE.

Request:

Move to GLS on July 28, 2021 to consider scheduling a public hearing. Following receipt of public testimony, consider taking action on proposed Ordinance 21-0482 or provide other direction to staff.