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 on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., in the Henry M. Jackson Board Room, 8th Floor, Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA in conjunction with a remote meeting platform via the following Zoom link to consider proposed Ordinance No. 24-099.

Zoom Webinar Information:

Join Online: https://zoom.us/j/94846850772 or by Phone: (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID: 948 4685 0772

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 24-099

APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR SAVVY SEPTIC PROGRAM

Background: The ordinance approves an agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the Savvy Septic Program Grant for \$500,000. In April of 2015, Snohomish County launched Savvy Septic, a Clean Water Financing Program, to help address the chronic problem of failing on-site septic systems (OSS). The Savvy Septic Program in Snohomish County aims to empower residential OSS owners to engage in a collective Puget Sound water quality solution through outreach, education, and financial aid for OSS maintenance, repair, and replacement. Based on Snohomish County Health Department's 2021 data, there are approximately 67,279 OSS in Snohomish County, and of these systems, approximately 350 fail and require repairs, yearly. Many of the county's OSS are located in the Snohomish and Stillaguamish watersheds, and the Stillaguamish watershed is a predominantly low-income, rural community and a shellfish growing area.

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 # 2024-2803) or https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2134/Council-Hearings-Calendar.

<u>Public Testimony:</u> 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 <u>contact.council@snoco.org</u>. 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 2nd day of December, 2024.

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/s/ Jared Mead Council Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Elena Lao, CMC
Deputy Clerk of the Council

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