

1 Adopted:
2 Effective:

3
4 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
5 Snohomish County, Washington

6
7 ORDINANCE NO. 22-076

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9 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE TERMS A PLANNING
10 COMMISSIONER MAY SERVE FROM TWO TO THREE;
11 AMENDING SECTION 2.08.080 OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

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13 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Planning Commission (“Planning
14 Commission”) was established under the authority of RCW 36.70.060 and sections 2.20
15 and 11.30 of the Snohomish County Charter; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is a volunteer body that serves to increase
18 public involvement in planning issues and to provide advice to the Snohomish County
19 Council (“County Council”) and the Snohomish County Executive; and

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21 WHEREAS, Snohomish County Code (SCC) 2.08.080 provides the process for
22 nomination and appointment of planning commissioners and currently limits individual
23 members to serving no more than two complete consecutive terms; and

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25 WHEREAS, Planning Commission members gain knowledge and expertise
26 throughout the course of their service; and

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28 WHEREAS, the County Council desires to increase the overall knowledge and
29 expertise on the Planning Commission by allowing planning commissioners to serve up
30 to three complete consecutive terms; and

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32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

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34 **Section 1.** Snohomish County Code Section 2.08.080, last amended by
35 Amended Ordinance No. 09-108 on October 21, 2009, is amended to read:

1 **2.08.080 Appointment to the Commission.**

2 (1) Vacancies among the 11 members of the commission which hereafter occur
3 shall be filled by the council, with individuals nominated pursuant to the concurrent
4 nomination authority of the council and county executive. Except for one at-large
5 position, each vacancy shall be filled by a resident of the council district in which the
6 vacating member resided at the time of his or her appointment so that each district is
7 represented by at least two members of the commission. Council nominations for other
8 than the at-large position may be made by the council member who represents the
9 district for which the appointment is made, and not by any other council member.
10 Nominations for the at-large position may be made by the county executive and any
11 council member. Council members and the executive shall endeavor to nominate
12 individuals who have one or more of the following attributes:

- 13 (a) Architectural background;
- 14 (b) Legal background;
- 15 (c) Farming or related background;
- 16 (d) Recreation or related background;
- 17 (e) Financial or related background;
- 18 (f) Real estate or related background;
- 19 (g) Environmental or related background;
- 20 (h) Construction or related background;
- 21 (i) Fisheries or related background;
- 22 (j) Engineering or related background;
- 23 (k) Appraisal or related background;
- 24 (l) Land use planning or related background;
- 25 (m) Education or related background; and
- 26 (n) Other job knowledge or interests that will add balance to the commission. A
27 person need not be actively engaged in activities related to these attributes at the time
28 of nomination.

29 (2) The council shall hold a hearing to consider the nomination(s) for each vacancy
30 prior to appointing a nominee to the commission. After such hearing the council may fill
31 the vacancy if it determines in its discretion that the appointment is consistent with the
32 guidelines set out in subsection (3) of this section, and makes written findings that the
33 following requirements for appointment to the commission are satisfied:

- 34 (a) The nominee must be a legal resident of Snohomish (~~County~~) county and,
35 except for the at-large position, of the council district for which he or she was
36 nominated;
- 37 (b) The nominee must not be a Snohomish county employee except when
38 serving as a temporary appointee pursuant to (~~SCC 3A.08.050(2)~~) SCC 3A.08.030(2);
39 and

1 (c) The nominee must have sufficient time to attend all scheduled commission
2 meetings.

3 (3) It is desirable that the nominee (a) have knowledge of land use theories and
4 growth management legislation, (b) have a minimal potential for conflict of interest, (c)
5 have a demonstrated interest in the welfare of Snohomish county, and (d) add balance
6 to county wide representation on the commission.

7 (4) If the council is unable to find that the requirements set out in subsection (2) of
8 this section are satisfied, or determines in its discretion that making the appointment
9 would be inconsistent with the guidelines set forth in subsection (3) of this section, the
10 nomination or nominations shall be returned to the original nominating authority for
11 submission of a new nomination.

12 (5) No individual member of the commission shall serve more than (~~two~~) three
13 complete consecutive terms.

14 (6) (a) Any commissioner who has more than four unexcused absences in any
15 calendar year or whose legal residence is removed from Snohomish county shall have
16 his or her position declared vacant by the commission. The commission shall promptly
17 notify the council and executive of a vacancy declared by the commission under this
18 subsection.

19 (b) The council may declare a vacancy in any position held by a commissioner
20 whose legal residence is removed from the council district for which he or she was
21 appointed, but not from Snohomish (~~County~~) county. If the council declares a vacancy,
22 that commissioner may continue to serve until the vacancy is filled pursuant to
23 subsections (1) through (4) above, or until that commissioner's term expires, whichever
24 occurs first.

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26 PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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29 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
30 Snohomish County, Washington

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34 Council Chair

35 ATTEST:

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38 Asst. Clerk of the Council
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County Executive

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney