



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Operations
ECAF: 21-0001
Proposal: Mot. 21-113

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Date: March 25, 2021

Consideration:

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 21-113, which would approve a Covenant for onsite septic system operation and maintenance at Whitehorse Community Park.

Background

A campground at Whitehorse Park was identified as a priority in the Snohomish County [Park and Recreation Element](#) of the Comprehensive Plan as well as the list of possible campgrounds proposed by the Camping Team, a multidisciplinary team created to identify opportunities for campground improvements and additions.

The presence of a campground was also included in the Master Plan for Whitehorse Park given its connection to the Whitehorse Trail and close proximity to the North Mountain mountain-biking facility.

On October 2, 2018, the County approved an agreement with Harmsen, LLC provide design, permitting and constructions support for the new campground via Motion 19-064¹.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 21-113 approves the County Property Officer to sign the Covenant as required by the Snohomish Health Department related to the presence and operation of an onsite septic system and holding tank.

The covenant obligates the county to comply with certain operation and maintenance requirements; connect to public sewers when and if available; assigns the expense of meeting the covenants requirements to the county; and requires the county to provide the health district with a copy of the contract between the county and the qualified company who will be providing the operating and maintenance services.

Duration: Until terminated by mutual agreement; the covenant is binding upon the property.

Fiscal Implications: No direct costs associated with executing the covenant; there are costs associated with complying with the covenant anticipated and included in the budget for Whitehorse Park.

2021 Budget: N/A for this motion

Future Budget Impacts: N/A for this motion

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES.

Risk Management: APPROVE.

¹ [General Legislative Session \(granicus.com\)](#)

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Analysis: Covenant is consistent with requirements that the Health District regulate onsite septic systems ([WAC 426-272A-0015](#))

Attachments: NONE.

Amendments: NONE.

Request: Move to GLS on April 21, 2021 for council to consider taking action.