



Public Infrastructure and Conservation

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-1529
Ordinance: 25-030

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

Subject: Amending SCC Section 2.68.030, 2.68.037 and 2.68.060, relating to Chapter 2.68 of Snohomish County Code.

Scope: The proposed Ordinance would amend Snohomish County Code relating to administrative responsibility of the Public Works Director, specifically the appointment by the executive, subject to confirmation by the County Council. This is in keeping with other Department Director hiring practices within Code. The code amendment also revises RCW code sections that had previously been updated at the state level relating to delegation of authority to determine emergencies and imminent dangers related to hydraulic project approvals and duty to operate solid waste disposal sites.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

Authority Granted: The County Council adopts Ordinance 25-027, under Snohomish County Charter 2.100 and 2.110.

Background: Currently, Snohomish County Code Section 2.68.030 Administrative responsibility states that the director of public works be appointed by the *board of county commissioners*, and that *he* reports directly to the board of county commissioners. This language has been determined to be a 'hold-over' from a 1972 adoption and was not updated when the County transitioned into a Home Rule Charter form of government with three branches of government: the executive, legislative and judicial. The charter is updated every 10 years with amendments that are presented to the voters for approval.

The proposed code amendment language is in keeping with other current Snohomish County Department Director appointment processes, which allows the executive to appoint the director, subject to confirmation by the County Council.

The proposed code amendment also cleans up past language and State RCW code references.

Action Requested: For Council to move the ordinance to June 11th GLS set time and date for a Public Hearing, with the suggested date and time of July 2nd, 2025, at 10:30 am.