

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE  
AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Snohomish County Council will hold a public hearing to consider Proposed Ordinance 22-030 on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, 8th Floor, Jackson Board Room, Everett, WA, in conjunction with a remote meeting platform via the following Zoom link:

**Zoom Webinar link:** <https://zoom.us/j/94846850772>

Dial in: (253) 215 8782 or (301) 715 8592

Meeting ID: 948 4685 0772

**Note:** Please check the Council webpage 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing time for the most up-to-date information <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>, or contact the Council Clerk at 425-388-3494 or at [contact.council@snoco.org](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org).

ORDINANCE NO. 22-030

APPROVING COMMON INTEREST, NON-DISCLOSURE AND JOINT DEFENSE AGREEMENT  
WITH SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Snohomish Health District was incorporated in 1959 as an independent special purpose district for public health in Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, since its formation, Snohomish County and Snohomish Health District have worked together in a collaborative manner to address public health issues and concerns; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County, acting through the Snohomish County Council, and the Snohomish Health District, acting through its board of health, have committed to establishing a new County Department of Public Health to replace the Snohomish Health District; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County and Snohomish Health District have further committed to partnering over the remainder of the year to transition all public health services, assets, employment contracts, and related matters to Snohomish County government; and

WHEREAS, recognizing their mutuality of interest and in order to facilitate the transition from a health district to a county Department of Public Health, Snohomish County and Snohomish Health District have a need to share information, including information that is privileged from disclosure to third parties as a result of the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine, the work product doctrine, the joint defense privilege, the common interest doctrine, and other laws regarding confidentiality, privileges or immunities; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County and Snohomish Health District wish to enter into an agreement to protect the confidential and privileged nature of any information exchanged by the parties and to further ensure that any such exchange does not diminish in any way the confidentiality of the information or constitute a waiver of any privilege or protection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The council hereby adopts the foregoing recitals as findings of fact and conclusions as if set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The council hereby approves and authorizes the executive, or designee, to execute a common interest, non-disclosure and joint defense agreement with Snohomish Health District in substantially the same form as attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A.

The Council may also consider alternatives/amendments to the proposed ordinance.


**Where to Get Copies of the Proposed Ordinance:** Copies of the full ordinance and related documentation are available upon request by calling the Snohomish County Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1-800-562-4367 x3494, TDD 1-800-877-8339, or by e-mailing [Contact.Council@snoco.org](mailto:Contact.Council@snoco.org).

**Website Access:** The ordinance and related documents can be accessed through the Council's website at <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx> (File 2022-0752) or <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2134/Council-Hearings-Calendar> - Hearings Calendar.

**Public Testimony:** All interested persons may testify concerning the above-described matter at the time and place indicated above or by remote participation in the meeting. Written testimony is encouraged and may be sent to Snohomish County Council, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201, faxed to 425 388-3496, or e-mailed to [contact.council@snoco.org](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org). Submitting testimony 24 hours prior to the hearing will ensure copies are provided to Council and appropriate staff in advance of the hearing. (Note: All public testimony are public records and may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW Chapter 42.56. Any contact information provided will be available to the public on the Council's website.)

**American Disabilities Act Notice:** Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please make arrangements one week prior to the hearing by calling Elena Lao at 425-388-3494, 1-800-562-4367 x3494, TDD 1-800-877-8339, or e-mail [elena.lao@snoco.org](mailto:elena.lao@snoco.org).

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

  
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Asst. Clerk of the Council

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