



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Infrastructure and Conservation
ECAF: 2023-0802
Proposal: Ord. 23-072

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

Date: July 18, 2023

Consideration:

The proposed ordinance relates to Storm and Surface Water Management and includes proposed language to extend service charges for the Lake Ketchum restoration, amending Chapter 25.20.055 of the Snohomish County Code.

Background:

Lake Ketchum has historically suffered from severe toxic algal blooms caused by phosphorus pollution. Snohomish County and the property owners around Lake Ketchum have been working to control nuisance and toxic algae problems in the lake, and there is a need to continue to work to control the toxic blooms and prevent future toxic algae blooms. The current Annual Service Charge for Lake Ketchum Restoration is set to expire on December 31, 2023.

The lakefront property owner’s association, known as the Ketchum Shores Improvement Club (KSIC), met on May 20, 2023, and voted to request that the County extend the restoration, including service charges for an additional five (5) years, with approval to increase the service charges as follows: lakefront owners increase to \$200 (from \$175) and community beach lot owners increase to \$40 (from \$35), annually.

Current Proposal:

Scope: The proposed code changes to Snohomish County Code 25.20.55 (2) would change the time period for the annual service charge for Lake Ketchum Restoration from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2023, to the new dates of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028. Additionally, the proposed code change would update the Annual Service Charge for Lake Ketchum Restoration rate table, to the requested amounts.

Duration: Beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2028.

Fiscal Implications: There is not a specific fiscal impact associated with this action.

Annual Service Charge for Lake Ketchum Restoration

Rate Category	Annal Service Charge
Lake Front	\$200 per parcel of real property abutting the shoreline of Lake Ketchum.
Community Beach Lot	\$40 per parcel of real property with an undivided ownership interest in lake front property used for common beach access.

2023 Budget: NA

Future Budget Impacts: It is anticipated that the Lake Ketchum Restoration would generate \$20,420 annually for the continuation of restoration work, \$102,100 total for the full duration.

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: YES

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Analysis

Council has the legislative authority to adopt this ordinance amending county code, per SCC 2.48. The proposed ordinance is to amend SCC 25.20.055 to extend the service charges for Lake Ketchum Restoration and to adopt additional service charges to support the ongoing restoration work.

Request: Move to GLS on July 19, 2023, to consider scheduling a public hearing (August 16th 2023, at 10:30 am is recommended). Following receipt of public testimony, consider taking action on proposed Ordinance 23-072 or provide other direction to staff.