

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Snohomish County Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., in the Henry M. Jackson Board Room, 8th Floor, Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA in conjunction with a remote meeting platform via the following Zoom link to consider proposed Ordinance No. 25-005.

Zoom Webinar Information:

Join Online: <https://zoom.us/j/94846850772> or by Phone: (253) 215-8782
Meeting ID: 948 4685 0772

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-005

APPROVING DATA SHARING AGREEMENT WITH
WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PROVIDING AUTHORITY
TO APPROVE ANY FUTURE AMENDMENTS
(Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System and Vital Records Datasets)

Background: The ordinance approves a Data Sharing Agreement with Washington State Department of Health for access to the Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS) and vital records datasets. The County's Health Department will use the CHARS and vital records datasets for on-going assessment activities, including tracking trends for public health indicators, preparing reports on specific public health issues, and responding to requests for data from the public and other public agencies. The CHARS data will be used to build a chronic disease and injury prevention surveillance system and to estimate trends in chronic disease, injury/violence, and hospital burden. The vital records data will include birth, fetal death, and infant death data that will be used for general public health and prevention efforts through analysis and review of trends over time in births, maternal risk factors, and infant deaths in Snohomish County. The term of the agreement is from execution through November 30, 2028.

At the Public Hearing, the Council may consider amendments to the proposed ordinance.

For More Information: Copies of the proposed ordinance and related documents are available upon request by calling the Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1(800) 562-4367 x3494, TDD 1(800) 877-8339, or by e-mailing Contact.Council@snoco.org. Files are also available on the Council's website at <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx> (File # 2025-0317) or <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2134/Council-Hearings-Calendar>.

Public Testimony: The public may testify in person or remotely. Submit written testimony to Snohomish County Council, 3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201, or e-mail to contact.council@snoco.org. Submitting written testimony 24 hours prior to the hearing will ensure copies are distributed to the Council and appropriate staff in advance of the hearing.

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

Dated this 5th day of February, 2025.

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/s/ Nate Nehring
Council Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Elena Lao, CMC
Deputy Clerk of the Council

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