



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

Yes - Nehring

No

ECAF: 2026-1070

Ordinance: 26-017

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: Funding Restriction – Syringe and Smoking Equipment

Scope: The proposed ordinance prohibits the expenditure of County funds for purchasing syringes and smoking equipment for illegal drug use. The proposed code bans expenditure of all locally collected revenues, grants, and pass-through funding for these purposes.

Under the terms of the proposed ordinance, the County may contract with organizations that run syringe service programs but cannot provide funding for syringes used by these programs.

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Authority Granted: N/A

Background: [Snohomish County Charter, Article 2](#) provides the Snohomish County Council with all the powers not reserved by the people or vested in specific offices by the charter, including to establish by ordinance executive departments and the powers and responsibilities for each. It is under this provision that the Council is provided with authority to set policy by adopting ordinances adding to or amending Snohomish County Code that the departments then are tasked with implementing (as long as it does not conflict with state/federal law, powers vested with the people, or powers vested in the Executive branch).

Requested Action: Move to the GLS agenda to set time and date for a Public Hearing.