



Public Infrastructure and Conservation

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-3400
Ordinance: 25-075

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: Relating to the Solid Waste Advisory committee, Snohomish County Code Chapter 7.34 and Amending Chapter 7.34.020.

Scope: The proposed amendment to Snohomish County Code would add two new member positions to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The proposed two new positions would represent commercial organics firms, with one position being a voting member and the other being a non-voting member, to ensure that organics management is formally integrated into the committee's structure.

Duration: NA

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

Authority Granted: The County Council adopts the recitals as findings of fact and conclusions as set forth in Ordinance 25-075, under RCW 36.32.120 and Snohomish County Code 7.34.020.

Background: In May 1985, the Snohomish County Council adopted Ordinance 85-042 relating to the formation, composition, requirements and role of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Snohomish County Code [7.34.020 Composition of Committee](#), was last amended in October 2022 with adopted Ordinance 22-062.

[RCW 70A.205.545](#), the organics management laws, were first enacted in 2022 and expanded in 2024, with the goal of reducing organic material to landfills by 75% and reducing methane emissions by 2030. The laws establish requirements for businesses based on the volume of organic waste generated.

This includes enacting organics management and food waste reduction mandates that require local governments to advance organics diversion and to support composting infrastructure. Commercial organics firms play an important role in achieving these mandates by managing composting, food waste reduction, and other organics recovery operations. The inclusion of representatives from commercial organics firms on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is to provide expertise and formally integrate organics management into the County's solid waste planning.

Action Requested: For Council to move Ordinance 25-075 to GLS on Wednesday November 12, to set time and date for a Public Hearing, with the suggested date and time of December 3rd, 2025, at 10:30 am.