



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 21-052

A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDING A STATEMENT OF INTENT TO COMMIT TRANCHE TWO ARP FUNDS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTINGENT ON ORDINANCE 21-098 GOING TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE

WHEREAS, Washington State Statute authorizes implementation of various taxes through a vote of the people, including a sales and use tax for affordable housing and behavioral health found in RCW 82.14.530; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law, HB 1590 in 2020 which amended RCW 82.14.530 to allow the affordable housing and behavioral health sales and use tax to be imposed by a vote of the people or by a councilmanic authority; and

WHEREAS, On November 30, 2021, as authorized under recently amended RCW 82.14.530, the Executive submitted Ordinance 21-098 to implement this tax by council action; and

WHEREAS, On December 1, 2021, Council set time and date for a public hearing on Ordinance 21-098 of December 15, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing and behavioral health facilities in Snohomish County has a direct correlation to the rise of homelessness within Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council recognizes the importance of both affordable and homeless housing programs and the impact they have on the community, and at the same time values the voice of Snohomish County residents and the impact increasing taxes may have on the community as well; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to support both of these values the Snohomish County Council intends to commit \$15 million of ARP funds to affordable and homeless housing programs if the proposed tax increase goes out to a vote of the people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council hereby issues a statement of intent to commit \$15 million of tranche two ARP funds to affordable housing in 2022 IF Ordinance 21-098, implementing a sales and use tax for affordable housing and behavioral health, goes out to a vote of the people on the earliest possible ballot.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Stephanie Wright
Council Chair

Megan Dunn
Council Vice-Chair

Jared Mead
Councilmember

Nate Nehring
Councilmember

Sam Low
Councilmember

ATTEST: _____
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Asst. Clerk of the Council