



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Infrastructure and Conservation

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

ECAF: 2023-0310

Proposal: Motion 23-127

Date: April 4, 2023

Consideration:

The proposed Motion would adopt the Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, dated 2021, in accordance with Snohomish County Charter 2.140.

Background:

According to RCW 70A.205.040, each county within the state, in association with the cities and towns located within it, prepares a 20-year comprehensive solid waste management plan, and periodically updates the plan according to Washington State Department of Ecology guidelines that interpret and expand upon the planning requirements of the Washington Hazardous Waste Management Act.

The Act requires that local governments plan for hazardous waste generated within their jurisdictions by households and small quantity generator businesses, according to the Washington State Department of Ecology guidelines.

Council approved the Snohomish County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, dated 2013, on October 14, 2013 ([Motion 13-358](#)).

The proposed Snohomish County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, dated 2021 establishes a comprehensive system of programs and facilities to reduce waste generation, increase recycling, direct valuable resources away from landfills, maintain and improve levels of service in the solid and hazardous waste system, and continue to mitigate impact(s) of closed landfills.

The Snohomish County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Solid Waste Division staff participated in each phase of the plan development, review, and drafts, reviewing, and incorporating comments received. Resolutions of Adoptions from municipal partners are placed in Appendix I of the plan. (Bothell, Index, Mountlake Terrace, and Woodway adoptions are in progress and will be included prior to submittal to the Department of Ecology.)

Current Proposal:

Scope: Approval by motion is sought from Council to approve the Snohomish County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, dated 2021, as the policy document for the management of solid and hazardous waste in Snohomish County.

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Implications: The Snohomish County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan identifies the costs associated with the responsibilities and provides an implementation and financial plan (see pages 28-38 of 356 of the Plan).

2023 Budget: No fiscal implications (Approved by Finance.)

Handling: NORMAL.

Approved-as-to-form: N/A.

Risk Management: N/A.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Amendments: Planning and Community Development is requesting a Proposed Substitute Motion to include updating relevant portions of the Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan, including the Capital Facilities Element in the next cycle of plan updates pursuant the Growth Management Act. The Department of Public Works has approved the proposed substitute motion.

Requests: Move to GLS on April 12, 2023, for consideration.