

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County Washington

MOTION NO. 24-285

REAPPOINTING MERLE ASH TO
THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Planning Commission is established and administered pursuant to chapter 2.08 SCC; and

WHEREAS, appointments to fill vacant planning commission positions are made pursuant to Snohomish County Charter section 2.20 and SCC 2.08.080; and

WHEREAS, Planning Commissioner Merle Ash is nearing the end of his second term representing Council District 1 on the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080 states that vacancies shall be filled by the Council with nominees from the County Council and/or Executive; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080(2) sets out the procedure by which the County council will hold a public hearing on nominations and make affirmative findings on the following:

1. Is the nominee a full-time resident of Snohomish County?
2. Is the nominee not a Snohomish County employee except while serving as a temporary appointee?
3. Does the nominee have sufficient time to attend all scheduled commission meetings?

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080 also states that it is desirable that the nominee has knowledge of a) land use theories, b) growth management and agricultural preservations studies, c) have a minimum potential for conflict of interest, d) have a demonstrated interest in the welfare of Snohomish County, and e) add balance to county-wide representation on the commission; and

WHEREAS, Merle Ash is a full-time resident of District 1, has been capably representing the District on the Planning Commission, has relevant knowledge, is not a Snohomish County employee, and has indicated the ability and willingness to continue attending scheduled commission meetings with a third full term beginning in July 2024, and continues to serve under SCC 2.03.030(2) until reappointed by this motion; and

WHEREAS, under Snohomish County Charter section 2.20 and SCC 2.08.080, Councilmember Nate Nehring representing District 1 has renominated Merle Ash for reappointment to a District 1 position for a third full term, to expire on July 1, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing on August 14, 2024, to consider the renomination;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council finds that the nominee meets the criteria set out in SCC 2.08.080 and hereby reappoints Merle Ash to the Snohomish County Planning Commission to serve a third full term, which expires on July 1, 2028.


DATED this 14th day of August, 2024.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council