

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

N NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on February 26, 2025, the Snohomish County Council approved Ordinance No. 25-005.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-005

APPROVING DATA SHARING AGREEMENT WITH  
WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PROVIDING AUTHORITY  
TO APPROVE ANY FUTURE AMENDMENTS  
(Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System and Vital Records Datasets)

**Summary:** The ordinance approves a Data Sharing Agreement with Washington State Department of Health for access to the Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS) and vital records datasets. The County's Health Department will use the CHARS and vital records datasets for on-going assessment activities, including tracking trends for public health indicators, preparing reports on specific public health issues, and responding to requests for data from the public and other public agencies. The CHARS data will be used to build a chronic disease and injury prevention surveillance system and to estimate trends in chronic disease, injury/violence, and hospital burden. The vital records data will include birth, fetal death, and infant death data that will be used for general public health and prevention efforts through analysis and review of trends over time in births, maternal risk factors, and infant deaths in Snohomish County. The term of the agreement is from execution through November 30, 2028.

**For More Information:** Copies of the ordinance and related documents are available upon request by calling the Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1(800) 562-4367 x3494, TDD 1(800) 877-8339, or by e-mailing [Contact.Council@snoco.org](mailto:Contact.Council@snoco.org). The ordinance is also available on the Council's website at <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Default.aspx> (File # 2025-0317).

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

/s/ Elena Lao, CMC  
Deputy Clerk of the Council

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