

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on August 20, 2025, the Snohomish County Council approved Ordinance 25-043:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-043

FINALIZING A SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENT FOR STILLAGUAMISH FLOOD CONTROL
DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 85.38 RCW

A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

Section 1. The Council finds and determines that the system of assessment for the District, as found in the County Engineer Report dated June 2025, complies with RCW 85.38 and other applicable State laws, and that the system of assessment described in Sections 2 and 3 is hereby finalized.

Section 2. The system of assessments for the District is divided into two components:

- 1) Forty percent of the total assessment is levied as a per acre charge on all property within District boundaries.
- 2) The remaining sixty percent is levied as a charge per improvement, with improvements defined as follows:
 - a) A single-family residence equals one improvement.
 - b) Land owned and maintained for transportation infrastructure is charged at the rate of one improvement for each acre of right-of-way. Transportation right-of-way in the District includes Snohomish County roads and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad.

Section 3. Separate assessment levels are established for four main zones consisting of nine geographic subzones as depicted in Exhibit A. The assessment levels for these zones vary from zero for the non-benefit zone to one hundred percent of the full assessment specified in Section 2 above.

The geographic subzones and assessment levels shall be the following:

Subzone	Assessment Level
1 Port Susan	100%
2 Florence Island	100%
3 Leque Road	100%
4 Church Creek	100%
5 Drainage District 12	50%
6 Norman Road	50%
7 Stillaguamish	50%
8 Marine Drive/Pioneer Highway	30%
9 Non-benefit	0%

Exhibit B presents the total number of acres and improvements by zone. Exhibit B also presents the associated dollar value of benefits for a \$1,000 hypothetical assessment, which has been computed in accordance with RCW 85.38.160.

Section 4. The District shall adopt an annual budget and special assessments based upon application of the system of assessments established by this ordinance sufficient to finance the adopted budget. The District is further directed to forward a copy of its resolution approving the budget, the budget and special assessments sufficient to finance the budget to the County Council and to the County Treasurer, in accordance with RCW 82.38.170.

Section 5. As provided in the RCW 85.38.170, the special assessments shall be collected by the County Treasurer. Notice of the special assessment due may be included in the notice of the property taxes due, may be included on a separate notice that is mailed with the notice of property taxes due, or may be sent separately from the notice of property taxes due. Special assessments shall be due at the same time property taxes are due and shall constitute liens on the land or improvements upon which they are imposed. Delinquent special assessments shall be foreclosed in the same manner, and subject to the same time schedules, interest and penalties as delinquent property taxes. The County Treasurer may impose a fee for collection of special assessments not to exceed one percent of the dollar value of the special assessments collected.

Section 6. The system of assessment supersedes the District's system of assessment last finalized by the adoption of Ordinance No. 20-042 on August 19, 2020.

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. The ordinance is also available on the Council's website at <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Default.aspx> (File # 2025-2069).

Dated this 10th day of September, 2025.



Deputy Clerk of the Council

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SUBMIT INVOICE TO: DCNR-Surface Water Management - 107027