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2 EFFECTIVE: 09/27/21

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4 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
5 SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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7 EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 21-072

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9 RELATING TO THE 2021 BUDGET; MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN
10 HUMAN SERVICES FUND 124 TO PROVIDE EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FOR
11 RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE
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13 WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed
14 the first reported case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish
15 County, Washington. COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death,
16 is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been
17 previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person;

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19 WHEREAS, since January 21, 2020, the disease has spread throughout the United States.
20 On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services secretary Alex
21 Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning January 27, 2020. On February
22 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a public health emergency for
23 COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, the Snohomish County Health Officer proclaimed a countywide
24 public health emergency for COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, Executive Dave Somers issued a
25 “Local Proclamation of Emergency Snohomish County” for COVID-19 (the “Emergency”). On
26 March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared COVID-19 a National
27 Emergency;

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29 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (was signed into
30 law. The act included emergency rental assistance, providing funds for rental and utility assistance
31 to states and units of local government through the Department of Treasury; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Commerce has provided such funds to
34 Snohomish County for rental and utility assistance.

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36 WHEREAS, there are over five thousand households waiting for emergency rental
37 assistance, and an emergency appropriation is needed to provide rental assistance and prevent
38 households from being evicted.

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40 BE IT ORDAINED:

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42 **Section 1.** The County Council makes the following findings of fact: a supplemental
43 appropriation in the amount of \$33,131,010 is necessary in the Human Services Fund 124, for
44 the budget year 2021, to provide additional expenditure authority for costs related to the public
45 health emergency including the prevention of evictions that would contribute to the spread of the
46 virus.

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2 **Section 2.** The appropriation units and allocation details described in Section 1 are as
3 follows:

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5 EXPENDITURE:

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7 124 Human Services Fund

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9 124-5044611011 (Regular Salaries) \$ 25,000

10 124-5044612013 (Personnel Benefits) \$ 15,000

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12 124-520020564105 (P-T T-RAP) \$ 33,091,010

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14 **Total Supplemental Appropriation** **\$ 33,131,010**

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17 REVENUE:

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19 124 Human Services Fund

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21 124-304461561023 (T-RAP Ind fed) \$ 40,000

22 124-320020561023 (P-T T-RAP Rev. Ind fed) \$ 33,091,010

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24 **Total Supplemental Appropriation** **\$ 33,131,010**

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27 **Section 3.** The County Council further finds that there is a need for additional
28 expenditure authority because the funds that support it were unanticipated at the time of the
29 adoption of the 2021 budget and have not been previously appropriated.

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31 **Section 4.** The County Council further finds as a fact that this ordinance is necessary for
32 the immediate preservation of public health and safety. Based on the foregoing, the County
33 Council declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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38 PASSED this 27th day of September, 2021.

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40 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
41 Snohomish County, Washington

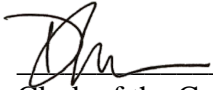
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43 *Japhanie Wright*
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45 Chairperson
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DATE: _____

County Executive

/s/ Rebecca E. Wendling 9.20.21
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney