



Finance, Budget and Administration

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2024-2697

Motion: 24-439

Type:

☐ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☒ Other

Requested Handling:

☒ Normal

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

Subject:

Re-establishment of the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Committee to the Assessor and appointing members

Scope:

Motion 24-439, in accordance with [RCW 84.34.145](#) and [WAC 458-30-345](#) establishes an advisory committee to assist the Assessor in implementing assessment guidelines as established by the Department of Revenue for the assessment of open space, farms and agricultural lands and timber lands.

The Assessor's Office and the Executive's Office, in consultation with the Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board, have identified five members of the Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board who are interested in serving on the advisory committee. Term limits will be one year as defined in WAC 458-30-345. Each year, by November 1st, the County Assessor will submit recommendations for appointment to the advisory committee for Council's consideration.

The proposed five members are:

- Allyson Green of Snohomish, Washington, currently representing the equine community on the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Board;
- Eric Fritch of Snohomish, Washington, currently representing the livestock community on the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Board;
- Bob Ricci of Snohomish, Washington, currently representing commodity crops on the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Board;
- Keith Stocker of Snohomish, Washington, currently serving as chair on the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Board; and
- Marv Thomas of Snohomish, Washington, currently representing the Snohomish River Basin on the Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Board.

The Committee may provide the assessor with advice on typical crops, land quality and net cash rental assessments to assist in determining appropriate values.

Duration:

January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025

Fiscal Impact:

☐ Current Year

☒ Future-Year

☐ N/A

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Authority Granted: Establishes the Advisory Committee, appoints five members to the committee for a one-year term and establishes the responsibilities of the committee as those prescribed by RCW 84.34.145 and WAC 458-30-345.

Background: This committee was active beginning in 2010 and went dormant in 2020 due to the pandemic. Motion 24-439 appoints members to the committee in an effort to re-establish the committee and its purpose as an advisor to the Assessor.

Requested Action: Consider taking action at GLS on December 4, 2024