



Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2026-1369

Motion: 26-224

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: Proposed Charter Review Commission Charter Amendments

Scope: Transmitting to the Snohomish County Auditor the Amendments to the Snohomish County Charter Proposed by the Snohomish County Charter Review Commission (Commission)

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Authority Granted: Directs the Clerk of the Council to transmit the five (5) Charter Review Amendments proposed by the 2026 Charter Review Commission.

Background: In November 2025 General Election, three (3) Charter Review Commission Commissioners were elected per Council District for a total of 15. The term of the commissioners is for the full year in 2026.

The Commission met for the first time on January 28, 2026 and held their final meeting on May 27, 2026. At the final meeting, the Commission voted to transmit five (5) amendments to the Council for processing.

[Snohomish County Charter Article 8, Section 8.50](#) reads “Any proposed charter amendment shall be filed and registered with the officer in charge of holding elections and submitted to the voters at the next November general election occurring at least ninety days after registration of the proposed amendment with such officer.”

There are two additional methods for amending Charter: 1) [Article 8, Section 8.70](#) articulates the method of proposing amendments by the public and 2) [Article 8, Section 8.80](#) describes Council proposed amendments transmitted to the County Auditor with a minimum of four (4) affirmative votes.

The County Council is also required to solicit applications for the Pro/Con Committees for each proposed amendment.

All proposals transmitted to the County Auditor will be placed on the next General Election ballot occurring in November 2026. If passed by a majority of the voters, the passed amendment(s) is effective (10) days after the certification of the results. Should an amendment require an implementation ordinance, the County Council has 180 days after the effective date to enact the ordinance.

Requested Action: Take action to transmit the motion and proposed amendments to the County Auditor.