

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Snohomish County Council will hold a public hearing on June 23, 2021, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., via Zoom to consider proposed Ordinance No. 21-034.

Note: Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and Governor Inslee's Proclamations 20-05, 20-25.12, and 20-28.15, or any extensions thereof, Snohomish County Council public hearings are being held remotely. Up-to-date hearing information is available on the Council's new Meetings Calendar webpage (<https://snohomish.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>), or contact the Council Clerk at 425-388-3494, or email at contact.council@snoco.org.

Zoom Webinar Information: Join online at <https://zoom.us/j/94846850772> or by telephone call 1-253-215-8782 or 1-301-715-8592 - Meeting ID: 948 4685 0772

Background: Similar requirements have been enacted in Seattle, King County, and other municipalities and government entities. Hazard pay requirements have been largely a response to the continuing and significant health risks that COVID-19 presents to members of our most vulnerable populations, including through exposure at work for people employed in the grocery industry.

A summary is as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 21-034

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT
IN UNINCORPORATED SNOHOMISH COUNTY; ESTABLISHING LABOR STANDARDS
REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR GROCERY EMPLOYEES
WORKING IN UNINCORPORATED SNOHOMISH COUNTY; AND ESTABLISHING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1. Adopts findings and recitals in support of establishing a requirement for grocery employees to receive hazard pay for work performed in unincorporated Snohomish County during the COVID-19 emergency will promote job retention, compensate them for the risks of working on the frontlines of a global pandemic, improve their financial ability to access resources for protecting themselves and their families from catching or spreading the virus or coping with illness caused by the virus, and support the welfare of the greater community that depends on grocery employees for safe and reliable access to food.

Section 2. As substantive effects of the ordinance are not permanent, the ordinance is not intended to be codified. Section numbers are for ease of reference within the ordinance, and section and subsection references refer to numbers in the ordinance unless stated otherwise. The section outlines definitions, employee coverage, employer coverage, hazard pay requirements, notice and posting, employer records, prohibition of retaliation, private right of action, waiver, encouragement of more generous policies, other legal requirements, severability, and repeal.

At the hearing, the Council may also consider alternatives/amendments to the proposed ordinance.

Where to Get Copies of Proposed Ordinance: Copies of the proposed ordinance and related documentation may be requested by calling the Snohomish County Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1-800-562-4367 x3494, TDD 1-800-877- 8339, or e-mail ContactCouncil@snoco.org. While the Council office is closed due to the emergency response to COVID-19, copies will not be available for pickup until the office reopens.

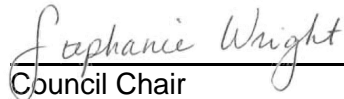
Website Access: The ordinance can also be accessed through the County Council's internet website at: <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/2134/Council-Hearings-Calendar>.

Public Testimony: All interested persons may provide public testimony by remote participation. Written testimony is encouraged and may be sent to Snohomish County Council, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201; fax to 425 388-3496 or e-mail to contact.council@snoco.org. Submitting testimony 24 hours prior to the hearing will ensure that testimony is provided to the Council and appropriate staff in advance of the hearing. (Note: All public testimony are public records and may be subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW Chapter 42.56. Any contact information you provide, including address, e-mail address, and phone number, will be available to the public on the Council's website.)

American Disabilities Act Notice: For hearings held in the Council Board Room, accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please make arrangements one week prior to the hearing by calling Elena Lao at 425-388-3494, 1-800-562-4367 x3494, TDD 1-800-877-8339, or e-mail elena.lao@snoco.org.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2021.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Asst. Clerk of the Council

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