



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Planning & Community Development      **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman  
**ECAF:** 2022-0198  
**Proposal:** Proposed Motion 22-092      **Date:** March 15, 2022

### **Consideration**

Proposed Motion 22-092 would refer a potential expansion of the Darrington Urban Growth Area (UGA) to Planning and Development Services (PDS) and the Snohomish County Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation as part of Alternative 3 of 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update.

### **Update and Analysis**

Motion 22-092 was originally discussed in Planning & Community Development Committee on March 1, 2022. As part of the separate Docket XXI process, the Town of Darrington requested to swap a reduction on the west part of its UGA for an expansion of the north. In its review of this docket proposal, PDS found that the swap did not meet all the applicable criteria for PDS to recommend approval of the DR1 docket proposal. Proposed Motion 22-092 was prepared as a fallback option if the County Council did not place the DR1 on the final docket for further processing. This was because Motion 22-092 would make only part of the northward UGA expansion requested by the Town in the DR1 proposal and would rely on a different justification for doing so, with the intent that PDS might be able to support part of what Darrington had requested.

During the March 9, 2022, hearing to decide which docket applications PDS should process further, the Mayor of Darrington and PDS staff provided new information. Their testimony described recent coordination between the Town and PDS to modify the DR1 proposal so that it could meet the criteria necessary for PDS to be able to recommend approval. Based in part on that information, the County Council passed the docket Motion 21-147 and included the DR1 among those docket applications supported for further processing. Thus, the DR1 docket proposal is proceeding as part of Alternative 3 during the 2024 Update, subject to refinement between PDS and Darrington.

Proposed Motion 22-092 may have become effectively moot.