



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning and Community Development **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman
ECAF: 2023-0061
Proposal: Motion 23-022 **Date:** February 7, 2023

Consideration

Proposed Motion 23-022 would reappoint Peter Camp to the position of Administrator of the Snohomish County Office of Hearings Administration. The Administrator position also serves as Hearing Examiner.

Background

The Office of Hearings Administration (OHA) is an independent office within county government. A major function of the office is to provide quasi-judicial fact finding hearings and decisions for county government and citizens. It also provides administrative and staffing support to the Board of Equalization and Boundary Review Board to assist both the boards and the participants in board proceedings.

The Snohomish County Hearing Examiner provides an independent fact finding and decision making service within county government. The Hearing Examiner (Chapter 2.02 SCC) acts in a quasi-judicial capacity and has jurisdiction over a range of subject matters, primarily related to land use, as provided for in county code. Among other things, the Hearing Examiner conducts open record hearings and provides decisions on most rezones, subdivisions, conditional use permits, and other type 2 permit approvals (Chapter 30.72 SCC). The examiner also hears appeals of code enforcement cases, administrative permits, State Environmental Policy Act documents, and most other type 1 permits and decisions (Chapter 30.71 SCC). With the merger of Snohomish Health District into county government as a new Health Department in 2023, the Hearing Examiner will also now consider appeals filed under the board of health code.

Peter Camp has served as Administrator of OHA and Hearing Examiner since February 2014. His current term expires on February 18, 2023. The proposed reappointment would be for a two-year term beginning February 19, 2023 and ending February 18, 2025.

Current Proposal

Summary: Motion 23-022 would reappoint Peter Camp to the Position of Administrator of OHA for a two-year term ending February 18, 2025.

Handling: Marked as normal when transmitted to council but should be expedited to General Legislative Session (GLS) on February 8 because the February 15 GLS meeting has been cancelled.

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Consideration of Motion 23-022 in GLS on February 8, 2023.