



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

Yes – CM Nehring

No

ECAF: 2026-1080

Ordinance: 26-019

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: Adding Snohomish County Code 2.400.066 – County Funding for Housing

Scope: Prohibits funding for housing or for the operation of county-owned housing from:

- Requiring, incentivizing, or giving priority to subrecipients or contractors who provide temporary or permanent housing without any or with minimal entry or participation requirements.
- Prohibiting, discouraging, or giving lower priority to subrecipients and contractors who include requirements for sobriety, treatment, counseling or illicit drug testing.

These requirements apply to both county funds and pass-through funds, and to the following document:

- Solicitations;
- Scoring metrics;
- Subrecipient agreements;
- Contracts.

Subsection (2) provides an exception. If a state or federal grant or contract requires or incentivizes such housing and the County would lose funding as a result, this provision shall not apply.

Duration: n/a

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Authority Granted: n/a

Background: [Snohomish County Charter, Article 2](#) provides the Snohomish County Council with all the powers not reserved by the people or vested in specific offices by the charter, including to establish by ordinance executive departments and the powers and responsibilities for each. It is under this provision that the Council is provided with authority to set policy by adopting ordinances adding to or amending Snohomish County Code that the departments then are tasked with implementing (as long as it does not conflict with state/federal law, powers vested with the people, or powers vested in the Executive branch).

Requested Action: Move to GLS to set time and date for a Public Hearing.