



# Health and Community Services

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**Council Initiated:**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**ECAF:** 2024-0968  
**Ordinance:** 24-042

**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:** Agreement with Washington State Department of Ecology for Wellsite Inspections

**Scope:** The interagency agreement between the Washington State Department of Ecology and Snohomish County delegates responsibility for conducting well inspection services to the Health Department of Snohomish County. In return for conducting these services, the Snohomish County receives 75% of State notification fees collected for constructed water wells and 50% of the State notification fees collected for water well decommissioning within Snohomish County.

Pursuant to the agreement, Snohomish County will inspect at least 75% of well tagging (the provision of identification numbers), sealing, and decommissioning. Twenty-five percent of inspections shall take place when drillers are on site. Snohomish County will deliver quarterly reports to the Department of Ecology which summarize well drilling activity for the period.

**Duration:** From January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. The period of performance may be extended by the Department of Ecology.

**Fiscal Impact:** ☒ Current Year ☒ Future-Year ☐ N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
						0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Revenue	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Fund 125 Environmental Health	Varies	Varies	Varies			0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>Varies</b>	<b>Varies</b>	<b>Varies</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Authority Granted:** Authorizes the County Executive, or a designee, to execute an agreement with the State of Washington Department of Ecology providing delegation and funds to Snohomish County for well sealing, tagging, and decommissioning.

**Background:** Pursuant to Chapter 18.104<sup>1</sup> of RCW, the Department of Ecology sets standards for well maintenance, capping, sealing, and decommissioning. The Department of Ecology may issue, deny, suspend, or revoke licenses` for these purposes. This authority may be delegated to a local health district or county if the Department of Ecology determines that the local entity has the capacity to implement the delegated program.

<sup>1</sup> [Chapter 18.104 RCW: WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION](#)

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**Requested Action:** Move Ordinance 24-042 to GLS agenda to set time and date for Public Hearing.