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 Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, 8th Floor, Jackson Board Room, Everett, WA, to consider Proposed Ordinance 22-005.

Note: Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, Snohomish County Council is currently holding its public meetings remote only and will hold in-person meetings in conjunction with a remote meeting platform when restrictions and conditions change. Please check the Council webpage 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing time for the most up-to-date information https://snohomish.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx, or contact the Council Clerk at 425-388-3494 or at contact.council@snoco.org.

Zoom Webinar link: https://zoom.us/j/94846850772 Dial in: (253) 215 8782 or (301) 715 8592 Meeting ID: 948 4685 0772

Background: State law requires that the boundaries for council districts be reviewed every 10 years based on the most recent U.S. Census data. New districts should be nearly equal in population and adhere to requirements around compactness, contiguity, not showing favor to political parties or racial groups, following natural boundaries, and preserving communities of related and mutual interest. Snohomish County Charter outlines the process by which council districts be redrawn by an appointed districting committee. The 2021 Districting Committee completed its work and developed a Districting Plan as proposed in the ordinance. A summary of the proposal is as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 22-005

RELATING TO COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS; ADOPTING A DISTRICTING PLAN AFTER THE 2020 FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1.08 SCC, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Districting Plan proposes the following Council boundary changes, based on population counts from the 2020 U.S. census:

- District 2: Part of District 2 now extends into District 4. This new portion of District 2
 extends southwest from the west side of Silver Lake along I-5 to 164th Street SW. It
 proceeds east to 3rd Avenue then north along the west boundary of Mill Creek.
- District 4: A small portion of District 4, bounded by Damson Road, S. Danvers Road, and 203 Place SW, has now been moved to District 3.

No geographical changes are proposed to the boundaries of Council District 1 and Council District 5.

The effective date shall be May 2, 2022, provided that the County Assessor, County Auditor, and County Engineer shall take such actions as may be necessary to implement this ordinance on its effective date.

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

Where to Get Copies of the Proposed Ordinance: Copies of the full ordinance and related documentation are available upon request by calling the Snohomish County Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1-800-562-4367 x3494, TDD 1-800-877-8339, or by e-mailing Contact.Council@snoco.org.

<u>Website Access:</u> The ordinance and related documents can be accessed through the Council's website at https://snohomish.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx (File 2022-0026) or https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2134/Council-Hearings-Calendar - Hearings Calendar.

<u>Public Testimony:</u> All interested persons may testify concerning the above-described matter at the time and place indicated above or by remote participation in the meeting. Written testimony is encouraged and may be sent to Snohomish County Council, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201, faxed to 425 388-3496, or e-mailed to <u>contact.council@snoco.org</u>. Submitting testimony 24 hours prior to the hearing will ensure copies are provided to 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 provided will be available to the public on the Council's website.)

<u>American Disabilities Act Notice:</u> 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 18th day of February, 2022.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

Asst Clerk of the Council

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