

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 to consider proposed Ordinance 22-060, on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, 8th Floor, Jackson Board Room, Everett, WA, in conjunction with a remote meeting platform via the following Zoom link:

**Zoom Webinar Information:**

Join online at <https://zoom.us/j/94846850772>  
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PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 22-060

AUTHORIZING THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Snohomish Health District was incorporated in 1959 as an independent special purpose district for public health in Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, since its formation, Snohomish County and Snohomish Health District have worked together in a collaborative manner to address public health issues and concerns; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Snohomish County and Snohomish Health District, working in collaboration with other partners, responded to hundreds of H1N1 cases and ultimately vaccinated over 26,000 people; and

WHEREAS, during the State Route 530 landslide event in 2014, Snohomish County and Snohomish Health District staff worked to provide support to the medical examiner's office, assess environmental health concerns such as water contamination, and ensure responder safety, hygiene, and decontamination; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Snohomish Health District participated in a collaborative effort with representatives of the County Executive's Office, County Council, and Sheriff's Office to address the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2020, the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and Snohomish Health District quickly activated unified incident command upon notification of the first confirmed COVID-19 case in the United States; and

WHEREAS, through unified command, Snohomish County DEM and Snohomish Health District established protocols for isolation and quarantine, coordinated advanced planning for personal protective equipment distribution, medical-surge operations, and community-care coordination; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Vaccine Task Force, working in close and continuous collaboration with Snohomish Health District, planned, executed, and maintained no less than seven mass vaccination sites and coordinated dozens of mobile vaccination clinics focused on residents adversely impacted by COVID-19 due to racial, ethnic, transportation, economic, mobility, and technology disparities. This effort ultimately resulted in more than 1,000,000 doses being administered; and

WHEREAS, by working together as one, the County and public health professionals have increased opportunities to:

- (a) Secure resources to address the effects of climate change, water quality, and the built environment on public health-related outcomes in Snohomish County and the surrounding region,
- (b) Commit to modernizing all applicable regulatory codes and policies governing environmental health practices,
- (c) Restore needed clinical and non-clinical services, improving access to care for the residents of Snohomish County,
- (d) Obtain resources for local public health and have unity of purpose to improve health related outcomes in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Executive memorandum dated May 24, 2022, commits to moving the Health District in whole, retaining its independence, and strengthening the health of all Snohomish County residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 70.46.090, Snohomish County may withdraw from membership in Snohomish Health District and immediately establish a health department to provide health service standards promulgated by the state board of health for administration of public health programs in Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 70.05.130, Snohomish County is responsible for expenses required for local public health services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Snohomish Health District Board of Health Resolution 22-16, dated May 31, 2022, the Board of Health voted unanimously to support Snohomish County's withdrawal from Snohomish Health District and committed to partnering over the remainder of the year to transition all public health services, assets, employment contracts, and related matters to Snohomish County government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Motion 22-248, the County Council voted to authorize issuance of a notice of intent to withdraw from the District with a withdrawal date of December 31, 2022 with the intent to form a unified County health department and has timely provided such notice to the District as required by RCW 70.46.090;

WHEREAS, the County now intends to withdraw from the Snohomish Health District on December 31, 2022, and immediately thereupon establish a county health department;

WHEREAS, the Transfer of public health authority and operations shall occur on December 31, 2022 ("Transfer Date") and, upon that date, the County's newly established health department will provide health services which shall meet the standards for health services promulgated by the state board of health as required by RCW 70.46.090;

WHEREAS, the County and the District have negotiated the terms and conditions by which they will cooperatively work toward the transfer of public health authority from the District to the County and provide for the transfer of operations to the County, including but not limited to the employment of District employees within the County health department, the conveyance of District assets to the County, the assignment of all contracts and agreements, the assignment of all permits or other regulatory permissions, and the transfer or other disposition of District liabilities and obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The County Council hereby adopts the foregoing recitals as findings of fact and conclusions as if set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Snohomish County Council hereby approves and authorizes the Snohomish County Executive, or designee, to sign the "Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and

Snohomish Health District,” substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Snohomish County Council authorizes the Snohomish County Executive, or designee, to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the Interlocal Agreement and the transfer of public health authority and operations from the District to the County, including any such amendments as negotiated between the parties pursuant to Section 2.0 of the Interlocal Agreement, and further ratifies any documents previously executed by the Snohomish County Executive, or designee, in furtherance of effectuating the Interlocal Agreement.

The Council may also 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](mailto:Contact.Council@snoco.org).

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**Public Testimony:** 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 [contact.council@snoco.org](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org). 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.)

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DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



Asst. Clerk of the Council

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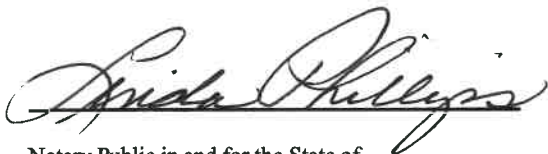
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Michael Gates being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says: that he/she is the legal representative of the Everett Daily Herald a daily newspaper. The said newspaper is a legal newspaper by order of the superior court in the county in which it is published and is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of the first publication of the Notice hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continually as a daily newspaper in Snohomish County, Washington and is and always has been printed in whole or part in the Everett Daily Herald and is of general circulation in said County, and is a legal newspaper, in accordance with the Chapter 99 of the Laws of 1921, as amended by Chapter 213, Laws of 1941, and approved as a legal newspaper by order of the Superior Court of Snohomish County, State of Washington, by order dated June 16, 1941, and that the annexed is a true copy of EDH964926 ORDINANCE 22-060 as it was published in the regular and entire issue of said paper and not as a supplement form thereof for a period of 1 issue(s), such publication commencing on 10/14/2022 and ending on 10/14/2022 and that said newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during all of said period.

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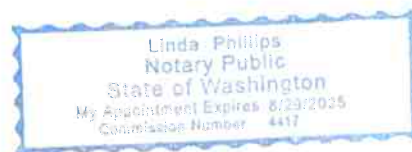
Subscribed and sworn before me on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Washington.

Snohomish County Executive | 14106441  
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DATED this 12th day of October, 2022.

/s/ Elena Lao

Asst. Clerk of the Council

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