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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 22-044

RELATING TO ESSHB 1799 AND AMENDING SCC 3.04.177

WHEREAS, in March 2022, ESSHB 1799 was signed into Washington law to increase the diversion of organic materials to productive uses and to reduce methane emissions caused by landfills; and

WHEREAS, RCW 43.19A.150 requires the County adopt a compost procurement ordinance by January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in developing this compost procurement ordinance, the County has planned for the use of compost in landscaping projects; construction; and postconstruction soil amendments; application to prevent soil erosion, filter stormwater runoff, and promote vegetation growth, or improve the stability and longevity of roadways; and low-impact development and green infrastructure to filter pollutants or keep water on-site, or both; and

WHEREAS, the County continues to assess the use of compost products in its government-funded projects.

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 3.04.177, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 12-074 on February 6, 2013, is amended to read:

3.04.177 Environmentally preferable purchasing and product utilization.

County departments shall, to the greatest extent feasible and practicable and in a manner that balances fiscal and environmental stewardship, procure and utilize environmentally preferable materials, products, and services (including construction services). Consistent with SCC 3.04.060(7), the manager shall develop and publish an environmentally preferable purchasing and product utilization policy.

When planning government-funded projects or soliciting and reviewing bids for such projects, county departments shall consider whether compost products, as defined in RCW 43.19A.010, can be utilized in the project.

In purchasing compost products, the county shall give priority to compost products from companies that produce compost products locally, are certified by a nationally recognized organization, and produce compost products that are derived from municipal solid waste compost programs and meet quality standards comparable

1 to standards adopted by the department of transportation or adopted by rule by the
2 department of ecology.

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5 PASSED this 30th day of November, 2022.
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