

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County Washington

MOTION NO. 22-522

APPOINTING NEIL PEDERSEN TO THE  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Planning Commission is established and administered pursuant to chapter 2.08 SCC; and

WHEREAS, appointments to fill vacant planning commission positions are made pursuant to Snohomish County Charter section 2.20 and SCC 2.08.080; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists representing Council District 4 on the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080 states that vacancies shall be filled by the Council with nominees from the County Council and/or Executive; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080(2) sets out the procedure by which the County council will hold a public hearing on nominations and make affirmative findings on the following:

1. Is the nominee a full-time resident of Snohomish County?
2. Is the nominee not a Snohomish County employee except while serving as a temporary appointee?
3. Does the nominee have sufficient time to attend all scheduled commission meetings?

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080 also states that it is desirable that the nominee has knowledge of a) land use theories, b) growth management and agricultural preservations studies, c) have a minimum potential for conflict of interest, d) have a demonstrated interest in the welfare of Snohomish County, and e) add balance to county-wide representation on the commission; and

WHEREAS, Neil Pederson is a full-time resident of District 4, has applied for the vacancy representing the district, has relevant knowledge, is not a Snohomish County employee, and has indicated the ability and willingness to attend scheduled commission meetings; and

WHEREAS, Neil Pederson has previously served a full first term on the Planning Commission, but that term expired in November 2022, and under SCC 2.08.080(5) the current appointment is not consecutive with his prior appointment; and

WHEREAS, under Snohomish County Charter section 2.20 and SCC 2.08.080, Councilmember Jared Mead representing District 4 has nominated Neil Pedersen for appointment to the vacant District 4 position for a first full term, to expire four years from the effective date of this motion; and

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing on January 4, 2023, to consider the nomination;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council finds that the nominee meets the criteria set out in SCC 2.08.080 and hereby appoints Neil Pedersen to the Snohomish County Planning Commission to serve first full term, which expires on January 4, 2027.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

  
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Council Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Asst. Clerk of the Council