

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 23-127

ADOPTING THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE SOLID AND
HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 70A.205 RCW (Solid Waste Management – Reduction and Recycling), enacted legislation establishing a comprehensive state-wide program for solid waste handling and solid waste recovery and/or recycling, which will prevent land, air, and water pollution and conserve the natural, economic, and energy resources of this state; and

WHEREAS, RCW 70A.205.040 requires that each county within the state, in association with the cities and towns located within it, prepare a 20-year comprehensive solid waste management plan and periodically update the plan according to Washington State Department of Ecology guidelines that interpret and expand upon the planning requirements of the Washington Hazardous Waste Management Act (RCW 70A.300.350-360) (“the Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that local governments plan for hazardous waste generated within their jurisdictions by households and small quantity generator businesses, according to Washington State Department of Ecology guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (“SCCSHWMP”) establishes a comprehensive system of programs and facilities to reduce waste generation, increase recycling, direct valuable resources away from landfills, maintain and improve levels of service in the solid and hazardous waste system, and continue to mitigate impact(s) of closed landfills; and

WHEREAS, the SCCSHWMP speaks to the needs of all citizens in Snohomish County in regard to solid and hazardous waste management and proposes actions to satisfy those needs; and

WHEREAS, the SCCSHWMP identifies costs of carrying out these responsibilities and provides an implementation and financial plan; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Solid Waste Division staff participated in each phase of the plan development, reviewed the drafts of the SCCSHWMP, and revised drafts based on comments received; and

WHEREAS, the Cities and Towns of Snohomish County as well as the County Council have found that adoption of the SCCSHWMP is in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare, and have provided for the adoption of the SCCSHWMP through existing interlocal agreements and resolutions of adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the County Council approves and adopts the Snohomish County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, dated 2021, as the policy document for the management of solid and hazardous waste in Snohomish County, pursuant to RCW 70A.205.040. By this same motion, the County Council also directs Planning and Development Services to update, as needed, the relevant portions of the Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan, including the Capital Facilities Element, in the next cycle of plan updates pursuant the Growth Management Act.


PASSED this 12th day of April, 2023.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council