Snohomish County Council



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ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance 21-057, relating to Growth Management; updating the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPS)

for Snohomish County

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development Services

ORIGINATOR: Mitchell Brouse, Senior Planner

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Approve-Ken Klein, 08/24/21

PURPOSE: Transmit two ordinances updating the Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County: 1) Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee recommendation; and 2) Snohomish County Executive recommendation. Only one of the two can be adopted by the County Council.

BACKGROUND: RCW 36.70A.210(2) requires Snohomish County Council to adopt a countywide policy framework, in cooperation with the cities and towns within Snohomish County, to guide the development and adoption of the County's, cities', and towns' comprehensive plans.

On October 29, 2020, the Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly adopted VISION 2050 A Plan for the Central Puget Sound Region, including updated Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs) and Regional Growth Strategy (RGS). MPP-RC-13, within VISION 2050, requires the County to update its CPPs to address the updated MPPs prior to December 31, 2021.

The Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) Planning Advisory Council (PAC) set up a subcommittee (including representation from cities, towns, tribes, Community Transit, PSRC, and Snohomish County) to draft a proposal for updating the CPPs, which the final version was transmitted to the PAC of May 5, 2021. The PAC reviewed the subcommittee draft and transmitted a final recommendation to the SCT Steering Committee (SC) on June 10, 2021. The SCT SC reviewed the PAC recommendation and made a recommendation to the County Council on July 28, 2021.

The recommended updates to the CPPs includes increased focus on topics such as social equity and inclusion, climate change, interjurisdictional coordination, and displacement, updates the reasonable measures process, and new criteria for the designation of countywide centers.

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