



Snohomish County Council

Legislation Text

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Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance 24-017, relating to the regulation of sewage disposal systems; repealing Chapter 7.44 of the Snohomish County Code

DEPARTMENT: Health

ORIGINATOR: Sarah de Jong

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Lacey Harper 3/1/24

PURPOSE: To assist the health department's environmental health division integration with the county and assist with the health department's enforcement cases.

BACKGROUND: As part of the creation of a new county health department, on October 26, 2022, the county council adopted amended ordinance 22-062, which repealed various other chapters of title 7, health and sanitation, including chapters 7.04, 7.08, 7.12, 7.16, 7.20, 7.28 and 7.32 SCC. These chapters were substantively obsolete, dating back to a 1962 county resolution and never updated. In addition, the chapters addressed health and sanitation areas that have long since been administered by the state board of health and local health authorities. Chapter 7.44 could have been included in this repeal but was not captured in the October 2022 ordinance. Chapter 7.44 Snohomish county code was originally adopted by 1962 county resolution and amended in 1970 and has not been substantively updated in decades. In present day, the regulation of sewer disposal systems is subject to comprehensive statewide regulations administered by the county health department under chapter 70A.105 RCW & chapter 246-272A WAC. The county planning department has also had a nominal role with regulating connections to public sewer and on-site septic systems associated with development activity under the Growth Management Act, chapter 36.70A RCW.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL			

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS

TOTAL			

DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL	CONTRACT#	AMOUNT
AMENDMENT	CONTRACT#	AMOUNT

Contract Period

ORIGINAL	START	END
AMENDMENT	START	END

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: Reviewed/approved by: Risk Management (Sheila Barker 2/29/24), Finance (Nathan Kennedy 3/1/24) and Prosecuting Attorney as to form (Matthew Otten 2/29/24)