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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE 02-*022*

RELATING TO PRISONER SOCIAL VISITING HOURS;
AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 5.16

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code section 5.16.030, adopted by Ordinance 94-041 on May 25, 1994, is amended to read:

5.16.030 Visitation.

(1) General.

(a) Open visitation may be provided for those prisoners determined to present a minimal degree of risk to the safety and security of the institution, including, but not limited to, prisoners in the work release/special detention facility;

(b) The degree of security required for each prisoner during visitation shall be determined by the director or the director's designee.

(2) Social Visits.

(a) The department shall establish and post rules governing social visits and specifying times therefor;

(b) Each prisoner shall be allowed a minimum of (~~three hours~~) one hour total visitation per week;

(c) Except for immediate family members, visitors 17 years of age and under shall be accompanied by a parent or guardian;

(d) The director or the director's designee may grant special visitation privileges to visitors who have traveled long distances, to visitors for hospitalized prisoners and for other unusual circumstances.

(3) Business and Professional Visits.

(a) Each prisoner shall be allowed confidential visits from the prisoner's attorney or legal assistants and the prisoner's clergy or other religious advisor;

(b) By prior arrangement with the department, a prisoner shall be allowed confidential visits for business or educational reasons;

(c) Law enforcement professionals shall be allowed to interview prisoners at reasonable times and with prior notice, unless it appears circumstances do not permit delay.

(4) Visitor Regulations.

(a) Signs giving notice that all visitors and their accompanying possessions are subject to search shall be conspicuously posted at the entrances to the facility and at the entrance to the visiting area;

(b) Any person may refuse a search but, subsequent to such refusal, may then be denied entrance;

(c) Other reasons for denying entrance to visitors shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) An attempt or reasonable suspicion of an attempt to bring contraband into the facility;

(ii) Obvious influence or effect of alcohol or controlled substances;

(iii) Request from the prisoner's physician;

(iv) Request from the prisoner;

(v) Reasonable grounds to believe a particular visit would present a threat to security or management or the safety of prisoners, staff or other visitors.

(d) Whenever a visitor is refused admittance during regular visiting hours, the prisoner shall receive notice of the refusal stating the reasons therefor. The affected prisoner is entitled to have such decision reviewed by the director or the director's designee upon written request and shall be promptly informed of this

right. A written decision stating the reason(s) therefor, shall be furnished the prisoner who requested such review.

PASSED this 12th day of June, 2002.

ATTEST:

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

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Clerk of the Council, Asst.

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Chairperson

- APPROVED
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DATE: June 13, 2002

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