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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 02-041

AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.06 RELATING TO CRITERIA  
FOR POSITIONS ON THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the county executive and county council have identified difficulty in filling Agricultural Advisory Board Position 8, a person engaged in agriculture on land designated upland agriculture or local agriculture by the county comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, a change of the criteria for position 8 will broaden the field of eligible citizens and, therefore, increase the likelihood of selecting a citizen to fill position 8 on the Agricultural Advisory Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

**Section 1.** The Snohomish County Council adopts the following findings of fact and conclusions:

A. The Agricultural Advisory Board has been unsuccessful in the past in attempting to fill Position 8. Initial recruitment efforts for Position 8 in the late 1990's drew no response.

B. The upland/local farm area within the jurisdiction of Position 8 is approximately 4,000 acres with a limited number of working farms from which to draw candidates.

C. In 2001, Department of Planning and Development Services staff mailed an invitation to every taxpayer of record within the upland and local commercial farmland designations, letting them know about the Board vacancy and inviting them to submit a nomination form; only two individuals submitted forms.

D. Filling this vacant seat will help to assure a quorum for monthly and special meetings.

E. Changing the criteria for Position 8 will provide for representation from a wider range of farmers and, in turn, support the Board's mission to conserve farmland and farming in Snohomish County.

**Section 2.** Snohomish County Code Section 2.06.020, last amended by Ordinance No. 96-082 on December 9, 1996, is **AMENDED** to read:

**2.06.020 Board Membership.**

The board shall consist of thirteen members appointed by the council pursuant to chapter 2.03 SCC. Board members shall consist of:

Positions 1, 2, 3: Persons engaged in agriculture within the Stillaguamish River valley (including the north and south fork tributaries) on land designated as riverway commercial ((agriculture)) farmland by the county comprehensive plan;

Positions 4, 5, 6: Persons engaged in agriculture within the Snohomish River valley (including the Skykomish and Snoqualmie tributaries) on land designated as riverway commercial ((agriculture)) farmland by the county comprehensive plan;

Position 7,~~((8))~~: A ((P))persons engaged in agriculture on land designated upland commercial ((agriculture)) farmland or local commercial ((agriculture)) farmland by the county comprehensive plan;

Position 8: A person engaged in an agricultural activity or agriculture in unincorporated Snohomish County outside of land designated riverway commercial farmland by the county comprehensive plan;

Position 9: One person representing the Stillaguamish Flood Control District;

Position 10: One person representing the Marshland Flood Control District;

Position 11: One person representing the French Slough Flood Control District; and

Positions 12, 13: Persons with an interest in agriculture in the county or representatives of organizations involved in agricultural-related activities in the county.

Appointments of members and alternates shall be made by the county executive and confirmed by the council. Nominations for such appointments shall be requested from the affected agricultural organizations and flood control districts for the respective positions on the board.

Alternates for all positions may be appointed by the council following executive recommendation. All members and alternates shall have a direct interest in agricultural conservation within the county. A representative of the director of planning and development services shall act as an advisor and nonvoting member of the board.

PASSED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2002:

ATTEST:

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

Barbara Titoni  
Clerk of the Council, *Asst.*

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Chair

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DATE: 9/19/02

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Robert J. Drewel  
County Executive

ATTEST:

Pamela S. Sandoz  
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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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