

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington



AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 05-056

RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD;
AMENDING CHAPTER 2.06 SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 2.06.010, last amended by Ordinance 96-082 on December 9, 1996, is amended to read:

2.06.010 Agricultural advisory board created.

An agricultural advisory board (board) is hereby created as an advisory body to the county council, planning commission, hearing examiner, and county ((staff)) executive with duties and responsibilities as set forth in SCC 2.06.040 ((in the review and recommendation of county actions to maintain, update and implement those elements of the adopted county comprehensive land use plan which pertain to agricultural conservation)). The board shall forward its advice and recommendations directly to the intended advisee, and copy said advice and recommendations directly to the county council, the county executive, and ((coordinate its recommendations through)) the department of planning and development services ((when such recommendations relate to future work tasks of the county)).

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 2.06.020, last amended by Ordinance 02-041 on September 18, 2002, is amended to read:

2.06.020 Board membership.

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

Positions 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5: One person engaged in each of the following industries: dairy, nursery, livestock, commodity crops, and agricultural direct marketing. ((Persons engaged in agriculture within the Stillaguamish River valley (including the north and south fork tributaries) on land designated as riverway commercial farmland by the county comprehensive plan;))

Position((s-4,5,)) 6: One person representing the diking, drainage and flood control districts located in the Snohomish River basin. ((Persons engaged in agriculture within the Snohomish River valley (including the Skykomish and Snoqualmie tributaries) on land designated as riverway commercial farmland by the county comprehensive plan;))

Position(s) 7: One ((A)) person representing the diking, drainage and flood control districts located in the Stillaguamish River basin. ((engaged in agriculture on land designated upland commercial farmland or local commercial farmland by the county comprehensive plan;))

Position 8: One person who resides in the county and is engaged in the equine industry.
~~((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 as recommended by the Snohomish County Farm Bureau
~~((representing the Stillaguamish Flood Control District)).~~

Positions 10 & 11: One person each residing in the Stillaguamish and Snohomish River basins. ~~((representing the Marshland Flood Control District;~~

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

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

(2) Appointments of members ~~((and alternates))~~ shall be made by the county ~~((executive and confirmed by the))~~ council from candidates nominated by the county executive, taking into consideration an intention to balance representation of the two major river basins. Nominations for such appointments shall be requested from the affected agricultural organizations and special purpose ~~((flood control))~~ districts for the respective positions on the board.

(3) ~~((Alternates for all positions may be appointed by the council following executive recommendation.))~~ All members ~~((and alternates))~~ shall reside in Snohomish County and be engaged in commercial agricultural activities ~~((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.

(4) In the event the county executive is unable to find a candidate meeting the qualifications of subsection (1) for a specific position, the executive may nominate a candidate whose appointment is otherwise consistent with the intent of this section. Any such nomination shall be accompanied by a written explanation.

New Section. Section 3. A new Section 2.06.035 is added to Chapter 2.06 Snohomish County Code to read:

2.06.035 Officers.

Officers of the board shall be a chair and vice-chair. Beginning in the month of January, 2006, and continuing annually thereafter during the month of January, the board shall conduct an election of officers. Newly elected officers assume office immediately upon election.

Section 4. Snohomish County Code Section 2.06.040, last amended by Ordinance 96-082 on December 9, 1996, is amended to read:

2.06.040 Duties and responsibilities of the board.

(1) The board shall serve in an advisory role on the following matters:

~~(((1)))~~ (a) Snohomish County comprehensive plan, including, but not limited to, the general policy plan and urban growth area, rural and resource plan components, and agricultural issues;

~~(((2)))~~ (b) Regulations which implement the Snohomish County comprehensive plan, or in any way affect agricultural issues;

~~(((3)))~~ (c) Other matters of agricultural policy which from time to time may be referred by the council or the executive ((as requested by the director of planning and development services)), or as may be raised by the board.

(2) Early participation in the legislative process by the board regarding matters within its purview is appropriate and expected.

Section 5. Snohomish County Code Section 2.06.050, last amended by Ordinance 96-082 on December 9, 1996, is amended to read:

2.06.050 Operating by-laws ((Operations)).

The board shall develop and may from time to time revise operating by-laws ((guidelines)) acceptable to the county council and county executive ((director of planning and development services)); PROVIDED, that such by-laws ((guidelines)) shall not be in conflict with state or county law. The by-laws ((guidelines)) shall at a minimum address matters such as required attendance at meetings, selection of a chair and vice-chair, scheduling of meetings, quorum requirements and decision making procedures. The board shall generally meet on a monthly basis, with the chair having the authority to cancel if no meeting is necessary.

Section 6. Transition. The terms of all persons serving as members of the Agricultural Advisory Board prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall terminate on November 30, 2005. In accordance with chapter 2.03 SCC and SCC 2.06.030, as amended, the Executive shall recommend and the Council shall appoint members of the Board to new initial terms commencing January 1, 2006 for all Board positions. To the fullest extent possible, the Executive shall make recommendations for such appointments from those persons serving on the Board prior to the effective date of this ordinance who meet the qualifications established in SCC 2.06.020, as amended by this ordinance.

Section 7. Effective dates. Sections 1 through 5 and 8 of this ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2006. Section 6 of this ordinance shall take effect as provided in Charter Section 2.110.

Section 8. Snohomish County Code Section 2.06.030, last amended by Ordinance 96-082 on December 9, 1996, is amended to read:

2.06.030 Member terms.

Terms shall be staggered on the following basis: ~~(((Members from)))~~ even numbered positions shall have an initial term of two years and regular terms of four years thereafter unless a member is appointed for a term of two years as provided in this section. All other positions shall have an initial term of four years and regular terms of four years thereafter unless a member is appointed for a term of two years as provided in this section. Notwithstanding SCC 2.03.050,

the county executive may nominate and the council may appoint for an initial or regular term of two years so long as it would not result in the terms of more than nine positions terminating in the same calendar year. Terms shall be effective upon ((confirmation)) appointment by the council. A member shall not serve more than three consecutive four-year terms, six consecutive two-year terms, or any combination of consecutive four-year and two-year terms totaling twelve years on the board. After a period of two years' absence from the board, a person may again be appointed to not more than three consecutive four-year terms, six consecutive two-year terms, or any combination of consecutive four-year and two-year terms totaling twelve years.

PASSED this 19th day October, 2005.

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council, *asst.*

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Chairperson

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