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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 08-106

RELATING TO COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURES, PROVIDING FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC COUNCIL COMMITTEES, AMENDING  
SCC 2.48.020 AND 2.48.124, AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council has adopted procedural rules  
codified in Chapter 2.48 SCC; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.48 SCC calls for referral of proposed ordinances and  
motions to a Council standing committee or to the Committee of the Whole; and

WHEREAS, the Council or Council Chairperson may from time to time find that  
Council action would be facilitated by referral of proposed legislation or other business  
to ad hoc Council committees appointed for particular purposes; and

WHEREAS, the purposed of this ordinance is to facilitate appointment of such ad  
hoc Council committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 2.48.020, last amended by  
Amended Ordinance No. 07-012 on February 21, 2007, is amended to read:

**2.48.020 Regular meetings.**

(1) Regular meetings of the council shall be held on Monday, Wednesday  
and Thursday of each week, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and adjourning at such time  
as a majority of the council shall determine. The Monday meeting shall include  
an administrative session and the Wednesday meeting shall include a general  
legislative session, provided that such sessions shall not limit council action at  
other meetings. If any regular meeting falls on a holiday, such regular meeting  
shall be held on the next business day unless cancelled by the chairperson or a  
majority of the council.

(2) Regular meetings of council committees shall be held in accordance with  
SCC 2.48.170 or 2.48.172.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 2.48.124, last amended by  
Amended Ordinance No. 07-015 on March 21, 2007, is amended to read:

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1 **2.48.124 Committee action on proposed ordinances and motions.**

2 (1) All proposed ordinances and motions shall be referred to a council  
3 committee prior to adoption by the council, except emergency ordinances. A  
4 proposed ordinance or motion may be referred to the committee of the whole or  
5 to an ad hoc committee appointed under SCC 2.48.172 in lieu of a standing  
6 committee.

7 (2) Except for the committee of the whole or an ad hoc committee  
8 appointed under SCC 2.48.172, committee recommendations on proposed  
9 ordinances and motions shall be filed with the clerk of the council on a standard  
10 committee recommendation form approved by the clerk. The committee  
11 recommendation form shall include, in addition to other matters required by the  
12 clerk or 2.48.170, the number and title of the ordinance or motion, a record of  
13 committee votes including yeas and nays, the date of the committee action, and  
14 whether the clerk should place the matter on the consent agenda. Upon receipt  
15 of a committee recommendation, the clerk shall place the ordinance or motion on  
16 the agenda of the next Wednesday general legislative session for scheduling a  
17 public hearing or other action, unless otherwise requested by the committee and  
18 approved by the chairperson.

19 (3) Not less than forty-five days after a proposed ordinance or motion is  
20 referred to a council committee, two members of the council may by written  
21 notice to the chairperson, filed with the clerk of the council, recall the proposed  
22 ordinance or motion from committee for consideration by the council, regardless  
23 of prior committee action, except that a proposed ordinance or motion may be  
24 recalled only once; and further provided that less than forty-five days may have  
25 passed if the purpose of the recall is to place the matter before the council for  
26 consideration in conjunction with the budget. Upon the filing of such notice the  
27 clerk shall place the matter on the next council agenda for scheduling a public  
28 hearing on a proposed ordinance or for action on a proposed motion.

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30 Section 3. A new section is added to Chapter 2.48 of the Snohomish County  
31 Code to read:

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33 **2.48.172 Council ad hoc committees.**

34 (1) The council or council chairperson may appoint ad hoc committees of  
35 council members for any proper council purpose, subject to such direction and  
36 control as the council may provide. Council action under this section may be  
37 taken by motion.

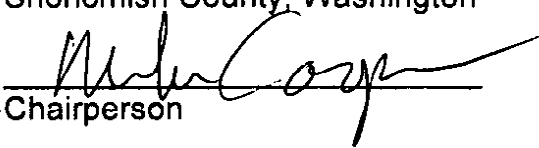
38 (2) An ad hoc committee appointed under this section may be identified  
39 as a committee, subcommittee, panel, or other body as determined by the  
40 appointing authority. Ad hoc committees are advisory bodies and cannot take  
41 final action on behalf of the council within the meaning of RCW 42.30.020(3).  
42 Any council member may attend and participate in meetings of ad hoc  
43 committees. Such meetings shall be subject to the requirements of SCC

1 2.48.030 through 2.48.070, to the extent applicable, provided that the council or  
2 committee shall provide a schedule for holding regular meetings, any regular  
3 meeting may be cancelled by the committee chairperson, and the committee  
4 chairperson or a majority of the committee may call a special meeting. Regular  
5 meetings shall be held in the Robert J. Drewel Building, Pacific and Rockefeller,  
6 Everett, Washington.

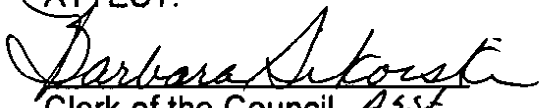
7 (3) In this chapter, the term "committee" may include ad hoc committees  
8 appointed under this section.

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10 PASSED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2008.

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12 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
13 Snohomish County, Washington

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16 Vice-Chairperson

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20 Clerk of the Council, *ASST.*

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County Executive  
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Deputy Executive

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41 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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