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3 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
4 Snohomish County, Washington

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6 ORDINANCE NO. 16-110

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8 CREATING THE NUISANCE PROPERTY ABATEMENT FUND; ADDING A NEW  
9 CHAPTER TO TITLE 4 SCC, CH 4.120 SCC; PROVIDING FOR ITS ONGOING  
10 FUNDING THROUGH RECOVERED COSTS  
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13 WHEREAS, the epidemic of opioid abuse has been especially devastating in  
14 Snohomish County; and

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16 WHEREAS, in addition to the human toll, a consequence of the opioid epidemic  
17 has been an increase in crime reports, complaints related to dangerous nuisance  
18 properties, and code enforcement cases for issues such as junkyard conditions and  
19 dangerous buildings; and

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21 WHEREAS, foreclosed and deteriorated houses, businesses, and partially  
22 completed subdivisions have become attractive locations for squatters and illegal  
23 activities, leading to increased calls to law enforcement; and

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25 WHEREAS, code enforcement complaints and the need for dangerous nuisance  
26 property abatement work in unincorporated Snohomish County has increased in recent  
27 years; and

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29 WHEREAS, resources available for code enforcement and nuisance abatement  
30 work have not kept pace with rising needs, leading to a downward cycle and negative  
31 impacts to neighborhoods; and

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33 WHEREAS, the county council intends for costs of abatement work, including  
34 related administrative costs and civil penalties, that are recovered by the county to be  
35 returned to the nuisance property abatement fund to be used to support ongoing  
36 nuisance property abatement work; and

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38 WHEREAS, the county council intends for costs recovered by the county from  
39 past abatement work to be deposited in the nuisance property abatement fund.  
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42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

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44 Section 1. A new chapter is added to Title 4 of the Snohomish County Code to  
45 read:  
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**Chapter 4.120**  
**Nuisance Property Abatement Fund**

Sections:

- 4.120.010 Creation and purpose.
- 4.120.020 Sources of resources
- 4.120.030 Administration of fund.

**4.120.010 Creation and purpose.**

There is hereby created a Snohomish County nuisance property abatement fund, which shall be used to account for property abatement work done pursuant to chapter 30.85 SCC.

**4.120.020 Sources of resources**

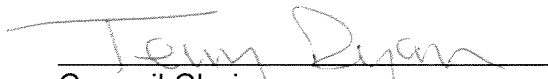
The nuisance property abatement fund shall contain resources generated from nuisance abatement enforcement actions taken pursuant to chapter 30.85 SCC and other appropriations to the fund.

**4.120.030 Administration of fund.**

The director of planning and development services or their designee shall administer the property abatement fund within the financial management system provided for in chapter 2.100 SCC, and shall serve as the fund manager. The fund manager shall have the duties set out in SCC 4.05.050.

PASSED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

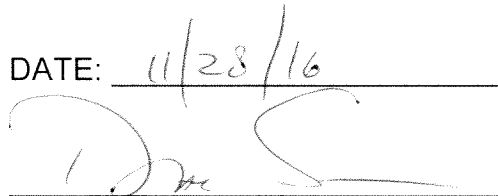
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