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4 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
5 SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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7 ORDINANCE NO. 21-056

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9 RELATING TO THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT, AMENDING THE  
10 SNOHOMISH COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
11 (GMACP) CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN TO UPDATE SEWER INVENTORY  
12 INFORMATION RELATED TO OLYMPIC VIEW WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
13 (CFP1 – OLYMPIC VIEW WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT)  
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15 WHEREAS, the GMA requires Snohomish County (“County”) to prepare a capital  
16 facilities plan (CFP) (RCW 36.70A.070) as an element of the County’s Growth  
17 Management Act Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) that addresses future demand for  
18 water and wastewater services and plans for provision of services to meet this future  
19 demand; and  
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21 WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.070(4) requires the CFP to contain an inventory of  
22 existing capital facilities owned by public entities showing the location and capacities of  
23 the capital facilities together with the proposed locations and capacities of expanded or  
24 new capital facilities; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the County is not a provider of water or wastewater services and  
27 therefore relies on the capital facilities planning of external service providers to address  
28 planning for the provision of water and wastewater services necessary to support  
29 development as contemplated under the land use element of the GMACP in the  
30 unincorporated areas as provided in WAC 365-196-415(4) and addressed in Section II  
31 of the CFP; and  
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33 WHEREAS, for purposes of the inventory of existing and proposed capital  
34 facilities of such external service providers the CFP contains Capital Facilities Plan  
35 Maps in Appendix B which purport to identify the service area boundaries of those  
36 public facilities provided by non-county agencies for purposes of identifying which  
37 external service provider is being relied upon by the County to provide the designated  
38 service within a particular area for purposes of the CFP and incorporating by reference  
39 the capital facilities plan of such entity; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the geographic region situated in the southwest corner of the County  
2 commonly referred to as “Point Wells” was previously designated upon the Capital  
3 Facilities Plan Maps, Figure 7, as being within the service area boundary of the Ronald  
4 Wastewater District (“Ronald”), a special purpose district subject to Title 57 RCW, for  
5 purposes of the provision of wastewater services based upon a previously-approved  
6 amendment to the Comprehensive Sewer Plan for Ronald under chapter 57.16 RCW  
7 which purported to plan for the provision of sewer service to the Point Wells area; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the Point Wells area is also within the corporate boundaries of the  
10 Olympic View Water and Sewer District (“Olympic View”), a special purpose district  
11 subject to Title 57 RCW, which also claimed the right to provide wastewater services to  
12 the Point Wells area and submitted its own proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Olympic  
13 View Comprehensive Sewer Plan under chapter 57.16 RCW for the purpose of planning  
14 for the provision of wastewater services to the area; and  
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16           WHEREAS, on June 1, 2016, the Snohomish County Council (“County Council”)  
17 approved Motion No. 16-135 approving Amendment No. 2 to Olympic View’s  
18 Comprehensive Sewer Plan; and  
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20           WHEREAS, Ronald appealed the County’s approval of Olympic View’s  
21 Amendment No. 2 to the Growth Management Hearings Board (“Board”) under Case  
22 No. 16-3-0004c, arguing in part that approval of Olympic View’s proposed amendment  
23 to serve the Point Wells area under chapter 57.16 RCW created an internal  
24 inconsistency with the County’s CFP which identified Ronald as the presumed service  
25 provider for the Point Wells area for purposes of capital facilities planning under the  
26 CFP; and  
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28           WHEREAS, the Board issued a Final Decision and Order dated January 25,  
29 2017, concluding that the County’s approval of Olympic View’s proposed amendment to  
30 plan for the provision of wastewater services to the Point Wells area constituted a *de*  
31 *facto* amendment of the GMACP and created an internal inconsistency with the CFP  
32 which the Board concluded incorporated by reference Ronald’s Comprehensive Sewer  
33 Plan and relied upon Ronald as the service provider for the Point Wells area to meet  
34 GMA planning requirements; and  
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36           WHEREAS, in compliance with the Board’s Order the County Council approved  
37 Motion No. 18-179 repealing Motion No. 16-135; and  
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39           WHEREAS, subsequent litigation between Ronald and Olympic View culminated  
40 in a ruling by the Washington State Supreme Court in the matter of *Ronald Wastewater*  
41 *District v. Olympic View Water and Sewer District*, 196 Wn.2d 353 (2020), holding as

1 follows: “Ronald’s geographic boundary does not include Point Wells and does not  
2 extend into Snohomish County. Point Wells remains within the geographic boundaries  
3 of Olympic and Snohomish County;” and  
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5 WHEREAS, the foregoing decision of the Court invalidates the County’s ability to  
6 rely upon Ronald as the designated wastewater service provider to the Point Wells area  
7 in the CFP and renders void that portion of Ronald’s Comprehensive Sewer Plan  
8 purporting to provide for future wastewater service to the Point Wells area for purposes  
9 of meeting GMA planning requirements; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the foregoing Court decision dictates that Olympic View be  
12 recognized as the authorized wastewater service provider for the Point Wells area  
13 under the CFP; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Olympic View resubmitted its proposed Amendment No. 2 to the  
16 Olympic View Comprehensive Sewer Plan to plan for the provision of wastewater  
17 services to the Point Wells area, which amendment has been approved by Motion No.  
18 21-289; and  
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20 WHEREAS, water and sewer districts are required under Title 57 RCW to  
21 prepare comprehensive CFPs addressing an inventory of existing facilities, forecast of  
22 demand for future services and facilities, the locations where new facilities will be  
23 needed as determined by the County’s land use plan, and a capital funding plan  
24 identifying costs, timelines and financing for development of new facilities to meet this  
25 future demand; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the required contents for these external agency “external functional  
28 plans” under Title 57 RCW are consistent with the requirements in RCW 36.70A.030  
29 and WAC 365-196-415 related to the contents of the County’s CFP; and  
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31 WHEREAS, RCW 57.16.010 authorizes the County to review and approve the  
32 external functional plans prepared by water and wastewater agencies and verify that  
33 these external functional plans are consistent with the County’s GMACP, including the  
34 CFP; and  
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36 WHEREAS, after determining that the external functional plans are consistent  
37 with the growth forecasts and land use plans in the County’s GMACP, and the external  
38 functional plans document that capacity is available to meet future needs, the County  
39 may rely on these external plans to conclude that adequate services are available to  
40 support the County’s GMACP; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the GMA authorizes the County to update the GMACP once per  
2 year (RCW 36.70A.130); and

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4           WHEREAS, Title 57 RCW requires that water and wastewater agencies update  
5 their external functional plans before ordering any improvements or submitting to vote  
6 any proposition for incurring any indebtedness, and allows the County 90 days from the  
7 date of submittal to the County Council for review and action; and

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9           WHEREAS, the timelines for adoption of updates or amendments to  
10 comprehensive plans under chapter 36.70A RCW and external functional plans under  
11 chapter 57.16 RCW may not necessarily coincide; and

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13           WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130 and .470 direct counties planning under the  
14 Growth Management Act (GMA) to adopt procedures for interested persons to propose  
15 amendments and revisions to the GMACP or development regulations; and

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17           WHEREAS, the County Council adopted chapter 30.74 of the Snohomish County  
18 Code (SCC), "Growth Management Act Public Participation Program Docketing," to  
19 comply with the requirements of RCW 36.70A.130 and .470; and

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21           WHEREAS, on September 9, 2019, Olympic View submitted a docket application  
22 to the County which consisted of a limited update to Olympic View's sewer  
23 comprehensive plan including an amendment to Olympic View's service area boundary.  
24 This application was assigned as CFP1; and

25           WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development Services (PDS)  
26 compiled the list of non-county initiated amendments and revisions received by the  
27 October 31, 2019, deadline as minor docket amendments, including the Olympic View  
28 Water and Sewer District (CFP1) proposal, and evaluated the proposals for consistency  
29 with the initial docket review criteria in SCC 30.74.030(1) and 30.74.040; and

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31           WHEREAS, on July 22, 2020, the County Council approved, by Amended Motion  
32 No. 20-116, a list of non-county-initiated comprehensive plan amendments, including  
33 CFP1 – Olympic View Water and Sewer District , that will be included on Final Docket  
34 XX and authorized the County Executive, through PDS, to further process the proposed  
35 minor docket amendments consistent with chapters 30.73 and 30.74 SCC, including  
36 environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), for final  
37 consideration in 2021; and

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39           WHEREAS, County approval of Olympic View's sewer plan amendment under  
40 chapter 57.16 RCW requires corresponding amendments to the County's GMACP CFP

1 to accurately reflect the sewer service inventory information required under the GMA;  
2 and

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4 WHEREAS, the County Council will take action on CFP1 under authority of  
5 chapter 57.16 RCW to address Olympic View’s sewer plan amendment via Motion No.  
6 21-289, and address the corresponding amendments to the county’s CFP under  
7 authority of the GMA via this ordinance; and

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9 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that consideration of the  
10 proposed amendments and revisions to the CFP would promote a County purpose as  
11 established under RCW 36.70A.130; and

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13 WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021, PDS briefed the Snohomish County Planning  
14 Commission (“planning commission”) on the CFP1 – Olympic View Water and Sewer  
15 District proposal; and

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17 WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, the planning commission held a public hearing  
18 and received public testimony on the CFP1 – Olympic View Water and Sewer District  
19 proposal and recommended adoption, as shown in its recommendation letter of July 9,  
20 2021; and

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22 WHEREAS, on October 6, 2021, the County Council held a public hearing after  
23 proper notice, and considered public comment and the entire record related to the  
24 proposed amendments contained in this ordinance; and

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26 WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the County Council deliberated on the  
27 proposed amendments contained in this ordinance;

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29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

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31 Section 1. The County Council adopts the following findings in support of this ordinance:

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33 A. The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings as if set forth fully herein.  
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35 B. This proposal is to amend the GMACP CFP to revise the sewer service inventory  
36 in CFP Section 2.3.A and CFP, Appendix B, Map 7.  
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38 C. Procedural requirements.  
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40 1. This ordinance is consistent with state law and chapter 30.73 SCC.  
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- 1           2. The proposal is a Type 3 legislative action pursuant to SCC 30.73.010.
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- 3           3. The environmental impacts of the proposal are within the range of impacts
- 4           analyzed by the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) and final
- 5           environmental impact statement (FEIS) during the update to the GMACP in
- 6           2015. No new impacts have been identified for this proposal, and State
- 7           Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements for this non-project action
- 8           have been met through issuance of Addendum No. 22 to the FEIS for the
- 9           2015 Update to the GMACP. The FEIS was issued on June 3, 2015, and
- 10          Addendum No. 22 was issued on June 7, 2021.
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- 12          4. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106(1), a notice of intent to adopt this ordinance
- 13          was transmitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce for
- 14          distribution to state agencies on May 28, 2021.
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- 16          5. The public participation process used in the adoption of this ordinance has
- 17          complied with all applicable requirements of the GMA and the SCC.
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- 19          6. The Washington State Attorney General last issued an advisory
- 20          memorandum, as required by RCW 36.70A.370, in September of 2018
- 21          entitled “Advisory Memorandum: Avoiding Unconstitutional Takings of Private
- 22          Property” to help local governments avoid the unconstitutional taking of
- 23          private property. The process outlined in the State Attorney General’s 2018
- 24          advisory memorandum was used by Snohomish County in objectively
- 25          evaluating the regulatory changes proposed by this ordinance.
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27   D. This ordinance is consistent with the record.

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- 29          1. This ordinance will amend the GMACP CFP to update the sewer service
- 30          inventory.
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- 32          2. The GMA requires that counties, when relying on external public agencies to
- 33          provide services and facilities necessary to support development, review the
- 34          external functional plans of such agencies for the limited purpose of making a
- 35          determination that adequate public facilities and services are available to
- 36          support the County’s growth forecasts and land use element.
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- 38          3. These amendments to the GMACP are proposed due to a recent decision by
- 39          the Growth Management Hearings Board indicating that amendments to
- 40          external functional plans could, under certain circumstances, be considered
- 41          *de facto* amendments to the County’s GMACP and may result in actions

1 inconsistent with GMA requirements. Such circumstances exist when an  
2 amendment to an external functional plan previously adopted or relied upon  
3 by the County for the purpose of compliance with GMA requirements creates  
4 a conflict with, or an internal inconsistency within the County's GMACP.  
5 Examples are when an external functional plan as amended becomes  
6 inconsistent with the County's GMA-adopted population targets, or is  
7 amended in a manner which creates an internal inconsistency with another  
8 adopted external functional plan. In these circumstances, the County may not  
9 approve an amendment to an external functional plan until GMA public  
10 participation requirements are satisfied and the external functional plan  
11 amendment is considered cumulatively with other GMACP amendments  
12 pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130.  
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- 14 4. External functional plans are intended to implement GMACPs, not amend  
15 them. Amendment to an external functional plan relied on by the County for  
16 the purpose of compliance with GMA requirements should be approved only  
17 when consistent with the County's GMACP, thereby implementing the  
18 GMACP.  
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- 20 5. These amendments seek to coordinate actions under chapters 57.16 and  
21 36.70A RCW to prevent an internal inconsistency within the County's GMACP  
22 CFP and prevent a *de facto* amendment in violation of the GMA process and  
23 timelines for amending the GMACP CFP.  
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- 25 6. No inconsistencies between the proposed amendments and the GMACP CFP  
26 or development regulations have been identified.  
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28 E. This proposal complies with the GMA and was analyzed and found to be consistent  
29 with the following GMA statutes and regulations:  
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- 31 1. GMA Planning Goal 12 (RCW 36.70A.020(12)): "Public facilities and  
32 services. Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support  
33 development shall be adequate to serve the development at the time the  
34 development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current  
35 service levels below locally established minimum standards."  
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- 37 2. RCW 36.70A.070(3), which requires that a comprehensive plan contain a  
38 capital facilities element that includes:  
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- 40 "(a) An inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities, showing  
41 the locations and capacities of the capital facilities; (b) a forecast of the future

1 needs for such capital facilities; (c) the proposed locations and capacities of  
2 expanded or new capital facilities; (d) at least a six-year plan that will finance  
3 such capital facilities within projected funding capacities and clearly identifies  
4 sources of public money for such purposes; and (e) a requirement to  
5 reassess the land use element if probable funding falls short of meeting  
6 existing needs and to ensure that the land use element, capital facilities plan  
7 element, and financing plan within the capital facilities plan element are  
8 coordinated and consistent....”

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10 3. RCW 36.70A.070(4), which requires that a comprehensive plan contain: “A  
11 utilities element consisting of the general location, proposed location, and  
12 capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, including, but not limited to,  
13 electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines.”

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15 4. WAC 365-196-415 Capital Facilities Element, subsection (4):

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17 “Relationship to plans of other service providers or plans adopted by  
18 reference. A county or city should not meet their responsibility to prepare a  
19 capital facilities element by relying only on assurances of availability from  
20 other service providers. When system plans or master plans from other  
21 service providers are adopted by reference, counties and cities should do the  
22 following:

23 (a) Summarize this information within the capital facilities element;

24 (b) Synthesize the information from the various providers to show that the  
25 actions, taken together, provide adequate public facilities; and

26 (c) Conclude that the capital facilities element shows how the area will be  
27 provided with adequate public facilities.”

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29 F. This proposal is consistent with the Puget Sound Regional Council Vision 2050  
30 Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs), in particular, the following goal, policies,  
31 and action:

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33 1. Public Services (PS) Overarching Goal: “The region will support development  
34 with adequate public facilities and services in a coordinated, efficient, and  
35 cost-effective manner that supports local and regional growth planning  
36 objectives.”

37 2. MPP-PS-7: “Obtain urban services from cities or appropriate regional service  
38 providers. Encourage cities, counties, and special purpose districts, including  
39 sewer, water, and fire districts, to coordinate planning efforts, agree on  
40 optimal ways to provide efficient service, and support consolidations that  
41 would improve service to the public.”



- 1 3. MPP-PS-10: “Serve new development within the urban growth area with  
2 sanitary sewer systems or fit it with dry sewers in anticipation of connection to  
3 the sewer system. Alternative technology to sewers should be considered  
4 only when it can be shown to produce treatment at standards that are equal  
5 to or better than the sewer system and where a long-term maintenance plan  
6 is in place.”
- 7 4. PS-Action-1: “Utility and Service District Planning: PSRC will work with  
8 electrical utilities, water providers, special purpose districts, and other utilities  
9 to facilitate coordinated efforts to develop long-range plans that comply with  
10 the Growth Management Act and implement VISION 2050.”

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12 G. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Snohomish County  
13 Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). Snohomish County regularly coordinates  
14 with service providers and reviews capital facility plans for municipal, district, and  
15 association water and wastewater service providers for consistency with the  
16 county’s GMACP. The following CPPs are particularly relevant to the proposed  
17 amendments:

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19 1. DP-5: “The County and cities shall adopt comprehensive plans and  
20 development regulations (RCW 36.70A.040). In Urban Growth Areas  
21 (UGAs), such plans and regulations shall:

22 a. Achieve urban uses and densities;

23 b. Provide for urban governmental services and capital facilities  
24 sufficient to accommodate the broad range of needs and uses that will  
25 accompany the projected urban growth; and

26 c. Permit the urban growth that is projected to occur in the succeeding  
27 twenty-year period (RCW 36.70A.110(2))....”

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29 2. PS-13: “Jurisdictions should adopt capital facilities plans, and coordinate with  
30 other service providers, to provide the appropriate level of service to  
31 support planned growth and development in Urban Growth Areas.”

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33 H. The proposed amendments comply with and implement the following Snohomish  
34 County GMACP General Policy Plan (GPP) goals, objectives, and policies  
35 addressing delivery of adequate services and coordination with external service  
36 providers:

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38 1. Goal UT 1: “Enhance the efficiency and quality of service from  
39 utility providers through the review of utility, land use, transportation  
40 and natural environment planning documents.”

- 1           2. Objective UT 1.A: “Pursue improved coordinated facility planning  
2           processes among the various utility providers serving Snohomish  
3           County.”
- 4           3. Objective UT 1.B: “Achieve and maintain consistency between utility  
5           system expansion plans and planned land use patterns.”
- 6           4. Policy UT 1.B.2: “The county shall maintain consistency between  
7           district utility plans and the county’s comprehensive plan; it shall also  
8           endeavor to maintain consistency between city utility plans that serve  
9           unincorporated areas and the county’s comprehensive plan.”
- 10          5. Goal UT 2: “Work with provider agencies of Snohomish County to  
11          help ensure the availability of a reliable, high quality water supply  
12          for all households and businesses within the county in a manner  
13          that is consistent with the comprehensive plan and protection of the  
14          natural environment.”
- 15          6. Objective UT 2.B: “Assist provider agencies in modifying their  
16          system plans as required to support the land use element of the  
17          comprehensive plan.”
- 18          7. Policy UT 2.B.1: “The county shall notify provider agencies of  
19          potential inconsistencies between their system plans and the  
20          comprehensive plan, and shall work with them to find acceptable  
21          solutions.”
- 22          8. Policy UT 3.A.1: “The county shall notify provider agencies of  
23          potential inconsistencies between their system plans and the  
24          county’s comprehensive plan, and shall work with them to find  
25          acceptable solutions.”
- 26          I. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Snohomish County GMACP  
27          CFP, notably the provisions regarding capital facilities necessary to support  
28          development in Section 1.1 and the discussion of public wastewater service in  
29          Section 2.3. The proposed amendments directly reflect the efficient provision of  
30          services necessary to support development as envisioned in the CFP.
- 31          J. The proposed amendments to the CFP are consistent with the record.
- 32          1. This ordinance will amend CFP Section II, 2.3.A *Existing Inventories*, Table  
33          1, to update the list of sewer providers in unincorporated Snohomish  
34          County.

1           2. This ordinance will amend CFP Appendix B, Map 7 to update the inventory  
2 of sewer providers in the unincorporated portion of the southwest urban  
3 growth area at Point Wells.

4           K. This ordinance is consistent with the record as set forth in the PDS staff  
5 memorandum dated May 7, 2021.

6 Section 2. The County Council makes the following conclusions:  
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8           A. The amendments are consistent with and comply with the procedural and  
9 substantive requirements of the GMA.

10           B. The amendments are consistent with and comply with the MPP, CPP, and goals,  
11 objectives and policies of the GMACP.  
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13           C. All SEPA requirements with respect to this non-project action have been satisfied.  
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15           D. This proposal does not result in an unconstitutional taking of private property for a  
16 public purpose and does not violate substantive due process guarantees.  
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19 Section 3. The County Council bases its findings and conclusions on the entire legislative  
20 record, including all testimony and exhibits. Any finding which should be deemed a  
21 conclusion, and any conclusion which should be deemed a finding, is hereby adopted as  
22 such.  
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24 Section 4. Section II, subsection 2.3.A, Table 1 of the CFP, an element of the GMACP,  
25 last amended by Ordinance No. 18-058 on November 30, 2018, is amended as  
26 indicated in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference into this  
27 ordinance.  
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29 Section 5. Appendix B, Map 7 of the CFP, an element of the GMACP, last amended by  
30 Ordinance No. 20-080 on January 9, 2021, is replaced as indicated in Exhibit B, which  
31 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference into this ordinance.  
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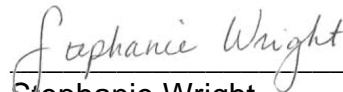
33 Section 6. The County Council directs the Code Reviser to update SCC 30.10.060  
34 pursuant to SCC 1.02.020(3).  
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36 Section 7. Severability and Savings. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this  
37 ordinance shall be held to be invalid by the Growth Management Hearings Board, or  
38 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality  
39 shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or  
40 phrase of this ordinance. Provided, however, that if any section, sentence, clause or


1 phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid by the Board or court of competent  
2 jurisdiction, then the section, sentence, clause or phrase in effect prior to the effective  
3 date of this ordinance shall be in full force and effect for that individual section, sentence,  
4 clause or phrase as if this ordinance had never been adopted.

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6 PASSED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.  
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9 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
10 Snohomish County, Washington

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14 Stephanie Wright  
15 Council Chair  
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17 ATTEST:

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21 Debbie Eco, CMC  
22 Clerk of the Council  
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24 ( X ) APPROVED  
25 ( ) EMERGENCY  
26 ( ) VETOED  
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28 DATE: October 12, 2021  
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32 Snohomish County Executive  
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34 ATTEST:

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38 Approved as to form only:

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40 /s/ Brian Dorsey  
41 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

## **Section 2.3 - Public Wastewater Systems**

### **2.3.A Existing Inventories**

Wastewater collection and treatment within Snohomish County is a de-centralized public service provided by municipal agencies at a local scale. This is typical of most counties in Washington State. King County is a notable exception.

There are twenty-three agencies within Snohomish County that provide wastewater collection (sanitary sewer) facilities and service. Sixteen of those are cities, one is the Tulalip Tribes, and the remaining six are special service districts. Many of these agencies provide service to customers in unincorporated urban growth areas, either directly as the sewer system operator or indirectly through contracts for treatment. Most of the remaining agencies are cities that do not currently provide service to unincorporated customers but who must plan their systems to serve future development within their city's UGA. These agencies are all important facility providers for future growth in the UGAs. These agencies are listed in Table 1, which also provides information about the treatment plants.

Fourteen of the 23 provider agencies provide wastewater treatment through the operation of their own plant. The other nine agencies contract for treatment services with nearby or "downstream" treatment plant operators. Another important provider of treatment for Snohomish County is the King County Wastewater Treatment Division. Its Brightwater plant which opened in 2012 receives wastewater flows from south Snohomish County, primarily from customers of the Alderwood and Cross Valley Water Districts and some from the city of Bothell. Snohomish County first prepared a technical support document in 1993-94 that accompanies and supports the GMA Comprehensive Plan entitled *The Countywide Utility Inventory Report for Snohomish County*. It describes the major public utility systems in the county, including the wastewater systems. That report draws upon and summarizes the information available from the comprehensive sewer system plans and from surveys and discussions with staff of the agencies. That report has been substantially updated to reflect the many plans that have been prepared and adopted by the provider agencies over the past seven years. Copies of that inventory report can be obtained from Snohomish County Planning and Development Services. Detailed information about projected future needs for a particular system can be obtained from the comprehensive system plan for each provider agency, a copy of which is retained in the Planning Library, or directly from the provider agency.

**TABLE 1  
WASTEWATER SYSTEMS AND TREATMENT PLANTS  
SERVING UNINCORPORATED SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

Provider Agency	Most Recent Sanitary Sewer Comprehensive Plan	Treatment Plant's Rated	Other Cities/Systems Served (in whole or part) by WWTP	Treatment Provided by	
		Capacity (MGD) <sup>1</sup>		Own Plant	Other Plant (System)
<b>SOUTHWEST COUNTY</b>					
Alderwood W.W.D.	2017	3.0	---	X	King Co.
City of Bothell	2012 (CFP)	N/A	Served by King Co.		---
City of Edmonds	2010	11.8	Woodway, Olympic View W.D., Mountlake Terrace	X	Lynnwood
City of Everett	2013	31.3	Alderwood W.W.D., Mukilteo W.W.D., Silver Lake W.W.D.	X	---
City of Lynnwood	2012	7.4	---	X	Edmonds
Mukilteo W.D.	2012	N/A	N/A		Everett
Olympic View W.D.	2007	N/A	N/A		Edmonds
<del>((Ronald W.D.</del>	<del>2010</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>---</del>		<del>King Co.)</del>
Silver Lake W.D.	2011	N/A	---		Everett, King Co.
King County	2003	Brightwater	Alderwood W.W.D., Cross Valley W.D., Lynnwood, Bothell, Mountlake Terrace, Brier	X	
<b>NORTH COUNTY</b>					
Arlington D.P.W.	2008	4.67	Marysville	X	Marysville
Granite Falls D.P.W.	2013	0.6	---	X	---
Marysville D.P.W.	2011	12.7	Tulalip (East), city of Arlington	X	---
Stanwood D.P.W.	2010	0.7	---	X	---
Tulalip Tribes	2004	0.3	---	X	Marysville
<b>EAST COUNTY</b>					
Cross Valley W.D.	2010	N/A	N/A		King Co.
Lake Stevens S. D.	2016	2.4	Lake Stevens	X	---
Lake Stevens D.P.W.		N/A	N/A		Lake Stevens S.D.
Monroe D.P.W.	1999	1.7	---	X	---
Snohomish D.P.W.	2011 (update)	2.8	---	X	---
Sultan D.P.W.	2010	0.72	---	X	---

FOOTNOTE 1: Generally, the average day of the maximum month, per the NPDES permit. MGD=million gallons/day.



