

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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ORDINANCE NO. 94-039

ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 2.13 TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE TITLE 2 RELATING TO
ESTABLISHMENT OF A LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

New Section: Section 1. A new chapter 2.13 is added to the Snohomish County Code Title 2 as follows:

Chapter 2.13
Law and Justice Council

Sections:	2.13.010	Law and justice council established
	2.13.020	Membership
	2.13.030	Law and justice plan
	2.13.040	Powers and duties of the law and justice council

2.13.010 Law and justice council established. Pursuant to the requirements of RCW 72.09.300, the county council does hereby create a law and justice council which shall serve as an advisory body to the county council on issues relating to the law and justice system.

2.13.020 Membership. The law and justice council shall consist of 19 members, two representing the municipal police departments within Snohomish County, two representing the municipal legislative authorities within Snohomish County and one representative each from the following: the county council; the county executive; the county sheriff; the county department of corrections; the county prosecutor; the Snohomish County superior court; the Snohomish County district courts; the county clerk; the county risk manager; the county department of human services; the county department of assigned counsel; the municipal courts within Snohomish County; the municipal prosecutors within Snohomish County; the Washington State secretary of corrections; and the school districts within Snohomish County. The municipalities shall appoint their members; county elected officials and departments heads shall appoint their members; the Washington State secretary of corrections shall appoint his or her representative; and the school districts shall appoint their representative.

2.13.030 Law and justice plan. The law and justice council shall develop a local law and justice plan for the county. The law and justice council will design the elements and scope of the plan, subject to the final approval of the county council. The general intent of the plan shall include seeking means to maximize local resources including personnel and facilities, reduce duplication of services, share resources between local and state government in order to accomplish local efficiencies without diminishing effectiveness, and increase communication between segments of the law and justice community. The plan shall also include a section on jail management which may include the following elements:

- (1) a description of current jail conditions, including whether the jail is overcrowded;
- (2) a description of potential alternatives to incarceration;
- (3) a description of current jail resources;
- (4) a description of the jail population as it presently exists and how it is projected to change in the future;
- (5) a description of projected future resource requirements;

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- (6) a proposed action plan, which shall include recommendations to maximize resources, maximize the use of intermediate sanctions, minimize overcrowding, avoid the duplication of services, and effectively manage the jail and the offender population;
- (7) a list of proposed advisory jail standards and methods to effect periodic quality assurance inspections of the jail;
- (8) a proposed plan to collect, synthesize, and disseminate technical information concerning local criminal justice activities, facilities, and procedures;
- (9) a description of existing and potential services for offenders including employment services, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and housing referral services.


The law and justice council may propose other elements of the plan which shall be subject to review and approval of the county council prior to inclusion in the plan.

2.13.040 Powers and Duties of the Law and Justice Council. The Law and justice council, in conjunction with development of the law and justice plan pursuant to section 2.13.030, shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To make recommendations and/or provide advice to criminal justice and political officials relative to implementing the plan;
- (2) To make recommendations and/or provide advice to the county council and/or other members of the law and justice council;
- (3) To create sub-committees to evaluate or research particular areas related to the plan. These sub-committees may be of a temporary or on-going nature. Membership on the sub-committees shall not be restricted to members of the law and justice council, but a member of the law and justice council shall serve as liaison to the law and justice council and report back to it on a regular basis.
- (4) To serve as a central focal point for information sharing by law and justice task forces and/or committees.

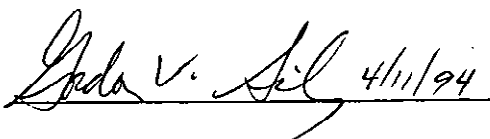
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