

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
**AMENDED**  
ORDINANCE NO. 96-082



**AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE, TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.06  
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS, AND  
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** Snohomish County Code, Section 2.06 adopted by Amended Ord. 91-122 on September 4, 1991, is **AMENDED** to read:

~~Chapter 2.06 AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD ((, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS, AND AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT COMMITTEES))~~

**Section 2.** Snohomish County Code, Section 2.06.010 adopted by Amended Ord. 91-122 on September 4, 1991, 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 council, planning commission, hearing examiner and county staff))~~ as an advisory body to the council, planning commission, hearing examiner and county staff ~~((to assist the director of planning and development services))~~ ~~((in reviewing and recommending county actions to maintain, update and implement those elements of the adopted county comprehensive land use plan which pertain to agricultural conservation))~~ 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 overall, continuing mandate of the agricultural advisory board shall be to support and reinforce the agricultural preservation plan.)).~~ The Board shall coordinate its recommendations through the department of planning and development services when such recommendations relate to future work tasks of the county.

**Section 3.** Snohomish County Code, Section 2.06.020 adopted by Amended Ord. 91-122 on September 4, 1991, is **AMENDED** to read:

2.06.020 Board membership.

The board shall consist of ~~((40))~~ ~~(( fifteen ))~~ thirteen members appointed by the council pursuant to chapter 2.03 SCC. Board members shall consist of ~~((one person residing in each of the five agricultural districts created by this chapter; another member shall be engaged in farming within the county; two members shall be engaged in upland agriculture within the county but outside of the agricultural districts as defined in this chapter; and the remaining two members shall be "at-large" members.))~~;

- Positions 1,2,3: Persons engaged in(~~farming~~) agriculture within the Stillaguamish River valley (including the north and south fork tributaries) on land designated riverway agriculture by the county comprehensive plan;
- Positions 4,5,6: Persons engaged in( ~~farming~~ ) agriculture within the Snohomish River valley (including the Skykomish and Snoqualmie tributaries) on land designated riverway agriculture by the county comprehensive plan;
- Positions 7,8: Persons engaged in(~~farming~~) agriculture on land designated upland agriculture or local agriculture by the county comprehensive plan;
- Position 9: One person representing the Stillaguamish Flood Control District;
- Position 10: One person representing the Marshland Flood Control District;
- Position 11: One person representing the French Slough Flood Control District;
- Positions 12,13, (~~14,15~~): Persons with an interest in agriculture in the county or representatives of organizations involved in agricultural-related activities in the county ((~~and recommended for nomination by the other board members and appointed by the council~~)).

Appointments of members and alternates shall be made by the county executive and confirmed by the council. Nominations for such appointments shall be requested from the affected agricultural organizations and flood control districts for the respective positions on the board.

Alternates for all positions may be appointed by the council following executive recommendation. All members and alternates shall have a direct interest in agricultural (~~preservation~~) conservation within the county ((~~and at least five members shall be engaged in agriculture as their primary source of income~~)). A representative of the director of planning and development services (~~director~~) shall act as an advisor and nonvoting member of the board.

**Section 4.** Snohomish County Code, Section 2.06.030 adopted by Amended Ord. 91-122 on September 4, 1991, is **AMENDED** to read:

**2.06.030 Member terms.**

Terms shall be staggered on the following basis: (~~Positions~~) Members from (~~agricultural districts 1, 3 and 5 and the member engaged in farming as a full-time occupation outside of the agricultural districts (position 6)~~) even-numbered positions shall have an initial term of two years and terms of four years thereafter (~~one position engaged in upland agriculture (position 7) shall have an initial term of two years and terms of four years thereafter; the other position engaged in upland agriculture (position 8) shall have an initial term of four years and terms of four years thereafter; positions from agricultural districts 2 and 4 and the two at-large positions (positions 9 and 10) shall have an initial term of four years and terms of four years thereafter~~). All other positions shall have an initial term of four years and terms of four years thereafter. Terms shall be effective upon confirmation. A member shall not serve more than three consecutive terms on the board.

**Section 5.** Snohomish County Code, Section 2.06.040 adopted by Amended Ord. 91-122 on September 4, 1991, is **AMENDED** to read:

2.06.040 Duties and responsibilities of the board.

The board shall ~~((have the following duties and responsibilities))~~ ~~((advise, consult, and assist the director of planning and development services in recommending to the executive and council, actions on the following:))~~ serve in an advisory role on the following matters:

(1) ~~((To provide input and recommendations to the council, planning commission, hearing examiner, and/or county staff on agricultural and related land resource and land use policy for the comprehensive plan prepared to meet county and state Growth Management Act requirements))~~ Snohomish County comprehensive plan, including, but not limited to, the general policy plan and urban growth area, rural and resource plan components;

(2) ~~((To make recommendations to the council, planning commission, hearing examiner, or county staff concerning development which will impact agricultural activities and preservation in the districts))~~ Regulations which implement the Snohomish County comprehensive plan;

(3) ~~((To make recommendations to the council, planning commission, hearing examiner, or county staff regarding drainage, flood protection, and diking plans and problems;))~~ Other matters as requested by the director of planning and development services.

~~(( (4) To make recommendations to the council, planning commission, hearing examiner, and/or county staff regarding comprehensive plan agricultural designations when comprehensive plans are reviewed, to comment on other plan elements which will impact agriculture, and to initiate and comment on land use code amendments;~~

~~(5) To expand agricultural economic development opportunities in the county and make recommendations regarding markets, the development of agricultural facilities, processors, suppliers or other farming needs;~~

~~(6) To provide a forum for public input and problem solving for individual and groups of farmers on agricultural issues relating to land use regulation;~~

~~(7) To provide a clearinghouse to supply educational services for farmers regarding public programs (e.g., open space taxation) and for non-farmers regarding farm activities;~~

~~(8) To provide a forum for public input and discussion of regional, agency and state rule making and legislation affecting agricultural operation and preservation;~~

~~(9) To prepare for the council, not later than July 1 of each year, a review of the past year's actions, set annual goals for the board, and designate priority tasks;~~

~~(10) To prepare for the council, planning commission, hearing examiner, or county staff an annual and multiyear report containing analysis of and recommendations for implementation of the agricultural preservation plan. The report may include proposals for the following: comprehensive plan and zoning amendments, parcel and lot creation, annexation, and utility, public acquisition, or development actions;~~

~~(11) To appoint ad hoc or advisory committees to analyze issues and make recommendations to the board.~~

~~The recommendations made by the board in carrying out its duties and responsibilities shall be advisory only and shall not be binding upon the council, planning commission, hearing examiner or county staff.))~~

**Section 6.** Snohomish County Code, Section 2.06.050 adopted by Amended Ord. 91-122 on September 4, 1991, is **AMENDED** to read:

2.06.050 ((Bylaws)) Operations.

The board shall ~~((adopt bylaws which shall govern the board's internal operations and procedures))~~ develop operating guidelines acceptable to the director of planning and development services; PROVIDED, that such guidelines shall not be in conflict with state or county law. The guidelines shall at minimum address 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 7.** Snohomish County Code, Section 2.06.060, Section 2.06.080, Section 2.06.090, Section 2.06.100, Section 2.06.110, Section 2.06.120 and Section 2.06.130, adopted by Amended Ord. 91-122 on September 4, 1991, are **REPEALED**.

**Section 8.** The agricultural districts created by Snohomish County Code, Section 2.06.080 adopted by Amended Ord. 91-122 on September 4, 1991, are **DISSOLVED**.

**Section 9.** The agricultural district committees created by Snohomish County Code, Section 2.06.090 adopted by Amended Ord. 91-122 on September 4, 1991, are **DISSOLVED**.

PASSED this 9th day of December, 1996.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

Richard C. Johnson  
Chairperson

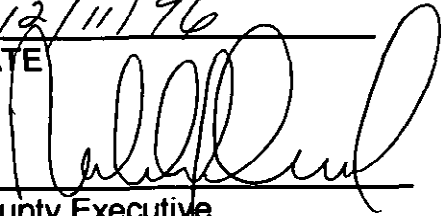
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