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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 99-024

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 10.14  
RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION AND DESTRUCTION OF FORFEITED  
FIREARMS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE SHERIFF

WHEREAS, RCW 9.41.098(2)(a) permits local legislative authorities to determine the disposition method for firearms that come into the possession of law enforcement agencies after June 30, 1993, and that are either judicially forfeited and no longer needed for evidence or are forfeited due to failure to make a claim; and

WHEREAS, RCW 9.41.098(2)(a) permits the legislative authority to retain the proceeds from the auction or trade of such firearms; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has not yet adopted an ordinance establishing procedures for the disposition of forfeited firearms in the possession of the Sheriff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. A new chapter 10.14 is hereby added to the Snohomish County Code, as follows:

Chapter 10.14

Disposition of Forfeited Firearms

- 10.14.010 Firearm Inventory
- 10.14.020 Authorized Disposition Methods
- 10.14.030 Annual Report

10.14.010 Firearm Inventory. The Sheriff shall maintain an inventory of every firearm coming into its possession after June 30, 1993 that has been judicially forfeited, that has been seized and may be subject to judicial forfeiture, or that has been or may be forfeited due to the failure to make a claim under applicable state law.

10.14.020 Authorized Disposition Methods. On at least an annual basis, and unless otherwise required, authorized or prohibited by state or federal law, the Sheriff shall dispose of each inventoried firearm that has been forfeited by:

- (1) retaining the firearm solely for agency use;
- ~~((2) trading, auctioning, or arranging for the auction of the firearm; or))~~
- ~~((3))~~ (2) destroying the firearm.;
- (3) firearms illegal for any person to possess must be destroyed.

10.14.030 Annual Report. The Sheriff shall submit an annual report to the Council that designates the disposition of each inventoried firearm that has been forfeited and the proceeds, if any, ~~((resulting from such disposition))~~ that may have resulted from sale at auction.

PASSED this 5th day of May, 1999.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

*Richard H. ...*  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

*Barbara Sitosti*  
Clerk of the Council

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DATE: 5/10/99  
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Snohomish County Executive

ATTEST:

*Connie Merrin*

Approved as to form only:

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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