

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

MOTION NO. 89-159

A MOTION ADOPTING "SNOHOMISH COUNTY TOMORROW"
AS A PLAN TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
OF GROWTH AND REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE TO DIRECT
DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP A WORK PLAN

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is currently facing a challenge of great dimension that will ultimately shape our future quality of life; a unique quality of life that encompasses trees, mountains, streams and wildlife, and that provides the spectacular setting for our communities, farms, homes, jobs and travels; and

WHEREAS, this challenge has been created by the explosive growth in the county's population, employment opportunities and housing which in turn has generated corresponding impacts affecting our limited financial resources to service that growth for roads, parks, housing, schools, utilities and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that this challenge be faced resolutely, and with a county-wide perspective, to establish a strategy that will guide us in assuring growth that serves the entire community's interest and protects the county's unique blend of natural beauty and its citizens' life-styles. These decisions must be made collectively through participation by cities and towns with the county; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that current county codes and policies are not adequately responding to the challenge of providing such direction for our future nor protecting our unique quality of life; and

WHEREAS, it is timely to develop a detailed county-wide plan to examine all facets of the growth issue affecting the county, including mitigation of growth impacts, and provide specific programs and code amendments to implement such a plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has stated his concern about the county's ability to provide a balance between our advocacy for strong economic growth and our quality of life values in a letter to the Council dated April 4, 1989; and

WHEREAS, for the past two months, the Council has devoted many hours in discussion about a plan to address the conflicts between our economic development and population growth and those "quality of life" values which have become so important to the people of Snohomish County.

NOW THEREFORE, ON MOTION:

Section 1. The Snohomish County Council hereby adopts the document entitled "Snohomish County Tomorrow", attached hereto and incorporated herein, as this legislative body's vision for the future. This policy document will guide the Council's consideration of a variety of program proposals which will shape Snohomish County's response to growth.

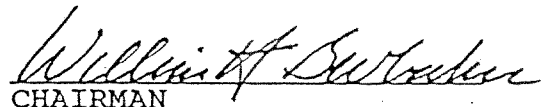
Section 2. Based upon the general philosophy of "Snohomish County Tomorrow," together with the series of implementation objectives it contains, the Council hereby requests the Executive to direct staff to develop a specific work program which identifies a schedule for addressing the issues associated with the long term management of growth. The Council requests that this schedule be available for review within forty five days.

Section 3. While it is understood that several growth related issues will take some time to evaluate and resolve, other issues require a more immediate response. The Council will schedule these issues for deliberation as soon as they are available for consideration by this body.

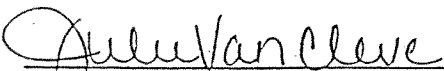
Section 4. The Council will continue to meet with the several cities and towns to form a common understanding of the issues and challenges of "Snohomish County Tomorrow".

DATED this 14th day of June, 1989.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


Asst. Clerk of the Council