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County Creates Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (C-PACER) Program

Everett, WA – On December 15, 2021, the Snohomish County Council unanimously passed [Ordinance 21-097](#) creating a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resilience (C-PACER) program in Snohomish County. A C-PACER program provides a financial tool for commercial property owners to obtain low-cost financing for energy efficiency and natural disaster and fire resiliency upgrades that carry with the life of the property instead of the property owner.

“I am proud to co-sponsor this legislation with Councilmember Mead and grateful for the hard work of county staff, other elected county representatives, and local stakeholders to establish this innovative program,” said County Councilmember Megan Dunn. “This program will address climate change through incentivizing green building at little to no cost to the county and will go a long way to address the climate change crisis we are experiencing.”

“I was honored to work with Representative Davina Duerr on this policy when I served with her in the legislature and am so excited now to be able to help implement it in Snohomish County,” said Councilmember Jared Mead who co-sponsored the legislation with Councilmember Dunn.

“The C-PACER program is a critically important tool both for our businesses and for our goal of having more green buildings in Snohomish County,” said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. “I applaud the Snohomish County Council, Vice Chair Megan Dunn, and Councilmember Jared Mead for being environmental leaders in the region and ensuring we can take the necessary steps to make us more environmentally sustainable.”

“The Treasury will play a critical role in the implementation of this program,” state County Treasurer Brian Sullivan. “I worked on this in the legislature and support this Ordinance to ensure we provide economic opportunity and a clean environment.”

“Because of upfront costs, existing buildings in particular are a challenge to retrofit to be more efficient and more resilient,” said Rachel Koller, Coordinator for Shift Zero, a zero carbon building alliance that supported the passage of state C-PACER legislation. “C-PACER is a proven financing tool that will enable healthier, safer, and more climate-friendly buildings. We are excited to support Snohomish County in advancing this program.”

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The Ordinance has support from local advocacy groups who were glad to see creative solutions to mitigate environmental impacts as the county continues to experience unprecedented growth. Jeanne Crevier, President of the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County said, "Thanks to Snohomish County for giving commercial building owners new tools to move toward fossil-free buildings and climate resilience."

With the passage of this Ordinance, the county's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is responsible to convene a stakeholder workgroup which will develop a program guidebook and associated documents. After development, the guidebook will be brought back before council for approval and the county will be able to start accepting qualified applications by mid to late December of 2022.

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