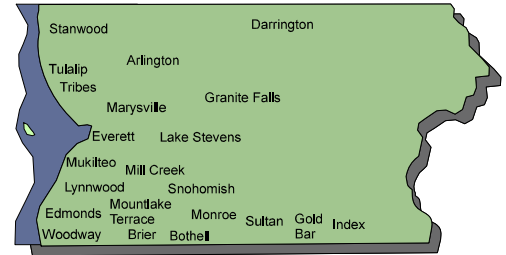


# Snohomish County Tomorrow

## *A GROWTH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL*

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### **SNOHOMISH COUNTY TOMORROW STEERING COMMITTEE OPERATING GUIDELINES**

#### **NAME**

The name shall be the Steering Committee of Snohomish County Tomorrow, or the Steering Committee.

#### **AUTHORITY**

The Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee is the policy advisory body of the Snohomish County Tomorrow planning process. The Steering Committee reports to The Assembly of Snohomish County Tomorrow, which consists of all elected officials of Snohomish County, the cities and towns in the County, and the Tulalip Tribes. The Steering Committee shall report to the Assembly on the status of its efforts annually or more often as needed.

The Steering Committee operates by general powers and authority granted to each municipal entity to participate in cooperative inter-jurisdictional planning efforts and specifically by the following:

- Snohomish County Motion No. 89-159, adopting the Snohomish County Tomorrow Planning Process, including the Steering Committee;
- Resolution to Participate in Snohomish County Tomorrow, as adopted by participating jurisdictions; and,
- Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A.210, as amended; laws of the State of Washington making comprehensive and inter-jurisdictional planning for growth management a mandatory requirement for cities, towns and the County.

#### **MEMBERS**

The members of the Steering Committee shall consist of one representative from each city and town in Snohomish County which is a signatory to The Resolution to Participate in Snohomish County Tomorrow; one representative of the Tulalip Tribes; and three representatives of the County of Snohomish, who shall include the Snohomish County Executive, the Chair of the Snohomish County Council and a second County Council member, one of who represents a rural district; all of who shall be elected officials of their respective jurisdictions. These members shall be called Elected Official Representatives and shall each exercise one vote on Steering Committee decision items. In the case of a weighted vote, each Elected Official Representative shall cast a weighted vote as set forth

in the **Decision Making and Method of Vote** section contained in these Operating Guidelines.

The members so constituted shall select six additional members who shall be Snohomish County citizens at large. These six members shall be called Citizen Representatives and shall be accorded full participation in Steering Committee meetings except for voting on decision items. Citizen Representatives may express their preferences during pre-vote discussion.

The term for Citizen Representatives shall be three (3) years, at which time the incumbent may re-apply for a new term. However, nominations may also be sought by the Steering Committee to fill the position. In the case of a mid-term vacancy, a replacement will be sought whose new 3-year term will commence upon election by the Steering Committee. At least two (2) Citizen Representatives shall represent unincorporated areas of Snohomish County. If the unincorporated status of a Citizen Representative changes and results in less than two (2) unincorporated Representatives, a vacancy will be announced. A new unincorporated Representative shall be elected whose new 3-year term will commence with selection.

An Elected Official Representative may, with the concurrence of his/her jurisdiction, designate an alternate to attend meetings of the Steering Committee and represent the member in meeting discussions. The alternate need not be an elected official, provided, however, that a non-elected official proxy may not participate in decision-making actions taken at such meetings.

### **ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

An attendance list shall be taken at each meeting of the Steering Committee, which list shall record members present and those absent. The list will become part of the permanent minutes.

Citizen Representatives and jurisdictions whose members or alternates are absent without excuse from three consecutive meetings will be considered "inactive" members. Members must call or email the Snohomish County Tomorrow offices in advance of a meeting in order to record an absence as "excused." The officers of the Steering Committee will direct the Coordinator to notify the appointing authority of the jurisdiction with such "inactive" member, and request full attendance or a reappointment. The Steering Committee shall act as a whole to select a replacement for any "inactive" Citizen Representative.

### **DUES STRUCTURE**

Annual Snohomish County Tomorrow dues shall be assessed on a per-capita basis by jurisdiction and shall be based upon the most recent Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) population estimates. The annual assessment for each member jurisdiction shall be calculated as a percentage-proportion of the total projected annual SCT budget (budgeted expenses, less interest income, less ending applied cash surplus). The

dues calculation and assessment shall be approved annually by formal action of the Steering Committee.

### **OFFICERS**

The Steering Committee shall appoint in February of each year two Co-Chairpersons and two Vice Chairpersons. One Chairperson shall be a member representing a participating city or town or tribe and one Chairperson shall be a member representing the County. One Vice Chairperson shall be a member representing a participating city or town or tribe and one Vice Chairperson shall be a member representing the County. Of the two officers, one chair and one vice chair, representing a city or town or tribe, one is to represent a jurisdiction at or above the average population of municipalities within Snohomish County, and the other is to represent a jurisdiction below the average population of municipalities within the County. The average population calculation is based upon the most recent population estimate from the Washington State Office of Financial Management.

The duties of the Co-Chairpersons shall be to chair meetings of the Steering Committee, execute such documents as may be approved by the Steering Committee, chair meetings of the Executive Committee and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Steering Committee. The Vice Chairs shall chair meetings in absence of the Co-Chairpersons. The Vice Chairs shall serve on the Executive Committee and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Chair(s).

The officers shall hold office for a term of one year or until their successors are appointed.

### **MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Steering Committee shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise ordered by the officers.

One third of the Elected Official Representatives of the Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A standing committee called the Executive Committee shall be established, which shall consist of the Steering Committee officers, one Citizen Representative of the Steering Committee, the chairperson(s) of other standing committees created by the Steering Committee, and the County Executive. One third of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, such that there is at least one Steering Committee officer representing the County and one Steering Committee officer representing a city present.

The Executive Committee shall have such administrative powers as shall from time to time be delegated by the Steering Committee, which administrative duties shall include at a minimum authority to:

- Delegate planning of meetings agendas to the SCT Steering Committee Co-Chairs;
- Prioritize issues to be considered;
- Oversee preparation of budget and work program drafts for presentation to the Steering Committee;
- Issue payment for expenditures that are consistent with budgets approved by the Steering Committee;
- Coordinate Steering Committee schedules and work progress; and,
- Employ staff or consultants to assist in the completion of the approved work program.

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD** (formerly Partnership for Tomorrow)

A standing committee called the Community Advisory Board (CAB) shall be established. The Chairperson (s) of the CAB shall be appointed at the first CAB meeting of each year and shall serve as official representative (s) to the Executive Committee. The membership of the Community Advisory Board will be representative of all facets of communities in Snohomish County, including leaders from city, County and tribal governments, citizen and nonprofit organizations, special purpose districts, business and industry, financial institutions and the building, development and real estate community. CAB members must either be residents of Snohomish County or have a business location address within the County. The business must have been in operation in Snohomish County for three years or longer. A post office box would not suffice as a business address for this purpose. CAB members need not be members of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall appoint all members to the Community Advisory Board and will provide direction and oversight to the standing committee.

At the direction of the Steering Committee, the Community Advisory Board will review and make recommendations concerning Snohomish countywide growth management issues.

**PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A standing committee called the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) is hereby created. The Chairperson (s) shall be appointed in February of each year and shall serve as official representative (s) to the Executive Committee. The Planning Advisory Committee shall consist of one staff member from each of the participating jurisdictions. The Committee shall coordinate the technical elements of the Snohomish County Tomorrow planning process.

**INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

A standing committee called the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee (ICC) is hereby officially included as part of the Snohomish County Tomorrow organization. The Chairperson (s) shall be appointed in February of each year and shall serve as official representative (s) to the Executive Committee. The ICC consists of public works representatives of the County, the cities, and the Tulalip Tribes, as well as the PUD and the

Washington State Department of Transportation. In addition, water and sewer districts are invited to participate. The mission of the ICC is to coordinate the planning, functioning, and implementation of infrastructure and transportation systems in Snohomish County.

**CITY MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL STAFF**

A standing committee comprised of City Managers and Administrators, County Executive and Council staff (MAG) is hereby officially included in the Snohomish County Tomorrow organization. The Chairperson (s) shall be appointed in February of each year and shall serve as official representative (s) to the Executive Committee. The purpose and goals relate to an overall effort to define strategies and alternatives that allow for the transition of local and regional services as unincorporated urban growth areas become part of cities. They study service, revenue, and expenditure issues.

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

The Steering Committee may create such other committees as it deems necessary.

**DECISION MAKING AND METHOD OF VOTE**

Action taken by the Steering Committee shall normally be by consensus. In relation to the Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee, consensus is defined as a "general agreement or a majority of opinion." In some cases, there may be votes required to resolve issues. In most cases, a simple show of hands of a majority of those present should suffice. In those cases, the minutes should reflect the vote count. In some cases, a weighted vote may be required. A weighted vote should be used sparingly and for important matters when substantial, good faith attempts at consensus fail. If the Executive Committee believes there is an item of significance on an upcoming agenda and a weight vote may be required, notice of potential weighted vote shall be so indicated on the agenda. If, in the course of the decision making process, two or more voting representatives disagree with the consensus process, they may call for a weighted vote at a subsequent meeting. The Executive Committee shall schedule and note on the next regular meeting agenda the weighted vote or report on the status of the issue and the potential date it will be presented to the Steering Committee for action. The format for the weighted vote system is outlined below.

Each Elected Official Representative shall cast a weighted vote determined as follows. One voting unit shall be allocated for each 2500 of population residing in the jurisdiction, based on the most recent State of Washington Census of Population figures. Voting units shall be rounded upwards such that 1 - 2500 population equal 1 voting unit; 2501 - 5000 population equals 2 voting units; 5001 - 7500 population equals 3 voting units; etc. A weighted vote shall require a super majority of 60% of votes, of representatives present, for passage.

Once a recommendation has been made by the Steering Committee, the Coordinator shall transmit the recommendations(s) and appropriate attachments to the County Council Clerk and to each SCT member jurisdiction

From time to time the SCT Steering Committee will be required to assume responsibility for business delegated by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The occasions that require SCT action shall be given specific designation on published agendas and shall be accompanied by a brief summary of requirements and guidelines as provided by the PSRC for use by SCT.

### **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Steering Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Guidelines and any special rules of order the Steering Committee may adopt.

### **AMENDMENTS**

These Operating Guidelines can be amended at any regular meeting of the Steering Committee by a two-thirds vote of Elected Representatives present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at a previous meeting.