AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 22-011
RELATING TO THE COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD;
AMENDING CHAPTER 3.42 SCC

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board
(“Board”) was established pursuant to chapter 17.10 RCW; and

WHEREAS, administrative support for the Board currently is provided by
the Snohomish County Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Noxious Weed Coordinator
(“Coordinator”) currently is appointed and supervised by the Director of the
Snohomish County Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and activities of the Board and Coordinator are
consistent with the purpose and activities of the Snohomish County Department
of Conservation and Natural Resources (“DCNR”); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Snohomish County Executive and the
Snohomish County Council to transfer these administrative support, appointment,
and supervision responsibilities from the Director of the Snohomish County
Department of Public Works to the Director of the Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, chapter 17.10 RCW recently was amended by SHB 1355,
filed on May 10, 2021, and signed by the Governor of the State of Washington;
and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Snohomish County Council to update
chapter 3.42 of the Snohomish County Code (SCC) to be consistent with recent
amendments to chapter 17.10 RCW.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 3.42.010, last amended by
Amended Ordinance No. 10-083 on October 27, 2010, is amended to read:
3.42.010 Established – membership – qualifications – appointments.

Pursuant to chapter 17.10 RCW, a county noxious weed control board, hereinafter referred to as the "board("") is hereby established. The board shall consist of five voting members. At least (four) three of the voting members shall be engaged in the primary production of agricultural products. There shall be one non-voting member who shall be the county extension director or an extension representative appointed by the county extension director. The council shall divide the county into five districts, none of which shall overlap and each of which shall be of the same approximate area, and shall appoint a voting member for each district.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 3.42.050, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 10-083 on October 27, 2010, is amended to read:

3.42.050 Administration.

(1) The board shall employ or otherwise provide a county noxious weed coordinator, hereafter referred to as the "coordinator," through the county personnel system, pursuant to RCW 17.10.060, with the director of the department of (public works) conservation and natural resources as the appointing authority for the coordinator. The coordinator may be classified as full time or seasonal as determined by the director of the department of (public works) conservation and natural resources in consultation with the board. The coordinator shall comply with the county personnel policies. These policies require supervision from the director of the department of (public works) conservation and natural resources or (his/her) the director's designee for all purposes including authority regarding appointment, termination or employee discipline.

(2) The coordinator's duties shall include management of the annual noxious weed control program, including but not limited to:

(a) Supervision of the inspection of land to determine the presence of noxious weeds;

(b) Preparation of the annual program and preliminary budget for approval by the (board and the) county council;

(c) Management of the board's annual program of work which includes four elements: the weed control program; the education program; the enforcement and regulation program; and the monitoring program.

(3) The coordinator will be accountable to the board for meeting the fiscal and budgetary restraints set forth by the board and the county council. The coordinator will provide the board with a budgetary review of expenditures and balances at the regular meetings of the board or as requested by the board.

(4) Subject to budgetary control by the county council, the board may request that the director of the department of (public works) conservation and natural resources assign additional department employees as the board deems necessary for the administration of the county's noxious weed control program.
Such employees shall be county classified positions subject to the provisions of title 3A SCC. While the board shall establish the annual noxious weed control program to be carried out by such employees, they shall be subject to the supervision of the director of the department of ((public works)) conservation and natural resources or ((his/her)) the director’s designee for all purposes including decisions regarding appointment, termination or employee discipline.

(5) Administrative support for the board shall be provided by the department of ((public works)) conservation and natural resources. Subject to the limitations of budgetary appropriations, such support shall include, but not be limited to, office space, vehicles and equipment as well as payroll, accounting, grants administration and all other necessary financial services. All expenditures of board appropriations shall be approved by the ((chairman)) chair of the board, or ((his/her)) the chair’s designee, before being authorized by the department.

(6) The board may seek and recommend that the executive, in accordance with SCC 2.10.010(25), apply for grants to support the county noxious weed control program. Grant contracts shall be approved in accordance with SCC 2.10.010 and 3.04.140.

PASSED this 27th day of April, 2022.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

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Chair

ATTEST:
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Asst. Clerk of the Council

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DATE: 5/4/2022

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County Executive

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Melissa Geraghty

Approved as to form only:
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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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