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16,000+ Council Documents On Line
County Council Continues to Enhance Government Transparency

Taking another major step to improve government transparency, the Snohomish County Council now offers convenient public access to electronic versions of all the council’s official documents dating back to 1980 – over 16,000 documents.

Included in the collection are council motions, ordinances, resolutions and meeting/hearing minutes. All the documents are PDF forms that can easily be printed from home and business computers.

“Open and accessible public government information was one of the Charter Review Commission’s highest priorities,” said County Vice Chair Mike Cooper. Cooper chaired the 2006 Charter Review Commission before being elected to county council in 2007.

To locate the dedicated document search engine, go the Snohomish County homepage at www.snoco.org and search for Online Council Documents.

All County Council Meetings Now Broadcast Live on the Web

Beginning in February, all the county council’s public meetings and hearings have been broadcast (or “webcast”). The public can watch meetings as they take place or search for and watch previous meetings.

Clicking on the agenda entry brings up the video of the appropriate portion of the meeting. All the paperwork associated with an action is also accessible.

To access council webcasts, go to the county homepage at www.snoco.org, and search for "Council Webcasts."

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