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 ___ day of June, 1989.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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Asst. Clerk of the Council