

**CITY OF SNOHOMISH  
Snohomish, Washington**

**ORDINANCE 2393**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON,  
REPEALING THE 2011 COMPREHENSIVE WATER SYSTEM PLAN  
AND ADOPTING THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE WATER SYSTEM PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snohomish operates a Group A public water system that is regulated by the Washington State Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that water system planning is essential to maintaining a good quality of life for Snohomish residents; and

**WHEREAS**, water system planning is also necessary to organize and assist with regulatory compliance and to define the goals and annual duties associated with state and federal water system requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, WAC 246-190-100 requires water purveyors to develop a comprehensive water plan that includes information about the water system, how it operates, the projected future water needs of the community, financial plans, and other relevant information; and

**WHEREAS**, water purveyors are required to submit water system plans and any amendments thereto to the Department of Health for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, Department of Health approval is valid for a 10-year period before a new plan must be presented for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Snohomish last adopted a Comprehensive Water System Plan in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, in August of 2017, the City contracted with RH2 to develop a new Water System Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, RH2 worked with staff and stakeholders to create the Draft Comprehensive Water System Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of a new Comprehensive Water System Plan provides a broad overview of the City's water utility and identifies how to meet the current and future water system demands within the water utility service area, and meet the needs of the City's rate payers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Water System Plan is an important expansion on the Utilities Element of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Draft 2020 Comprehensive Water System Plan is consistent with and supplemental to the 2015 Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a draft of the 2020 Comprehensive Water System Plan was mailed to the Washington State Department of Health and other governmental agencies on or about January 23, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2020, the City’s SEPA Responsible Official issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (“DNS”) concerning the Draft 2020 Comprehensive Water System Plan, and the DNS was not appealed; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2020, the Department of Health notified the City of Snohomish of its approval of the Draft 2020 Comprehensive Water System Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City Council to authorize City staff to implement the 2020 Comprehensive Water System Plan throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will continue to coordinate with other government agencies, including Department of Health, Snohomish County, PUD, the Tulalip Tribes, and other interested parties regarding the City’s future water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on said 2020 Comprehensive Water System Plan was held on the 18th day of August, 2020, before the City Council of the City of Snohomish; and

**WHEREAS**, after consideration of public comments and testimony, comments and information from various public agencies, and the record in this matter, the City Council finds that the proposed 2020 Comprehensive Water System Plan is in the public interest and consistent with the goals and intent of the City’s Comprehensive Plan based on revisions anticipated to be enacted by a Comprehensive Plan amendment ordinance later this year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** **Adoption of a Water System Plan.** The 2020 Comprehensive Water System Plan, attached as “Exhibit A,” is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference, replacing the 2011 Comprehensive Water System Plan adopted by Ordinance 2222, which is hereby repealed.

**Section 2.** **Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

**Section 3.** **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after passage and approval and publication as required by law.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor this 18th day of August, 2020.

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

By John T. Kartak  
John T. Kartak, Mayor

ATTEST:

By Pat Adams  
Pat Adams, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By Grant K. Weed  
Grant K. Weed, City Attorney

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