

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 26-018

RELATING TO THE SALES AND USE TAX FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; CREATING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY
EXPANSION FUND AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4.126 SCC

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 4.126.030, added by Amended Ordinance No. 21-098, on December 15, 2021, is amended to read:

4.126.030 Collection and administration.

(1) The tax imposed by SCC 4.126.010 shall be collected and administered in accordance with RCW 82.14.530, and with the provisions of chapters 82.08, 82.12, and 82.14 RCW. The county executive is authorized and directed to execute any contracts with the state department of revenue that may be necessary to provide for collection or administration of the tax.

(2) All revenues from the tax imposed by SCC 4.126.010 shall be deposited into the affordable housing and behavioral health program fund created by SCC 4.126.040.

(3) Beginning on January 1, 2027, of the revenues collected from the tax imposed by SCC 4.126.010:

(a) Eighty percent shall be deposited into the affordable housing and behavioral health program fund created by SCC 4.126.040, and

(b) Twenty percent shall be deposited into the behavioral health facility expansion fund created by SCC 4.126.045.

Section 2. A new section is added to Chapter 4.126 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

4.126.045 Behavioral health facility expansion fund.

(1) There is hereby created the behavioral health facility expansion fund.

(2) The resources of the fund shall consist of tax revenues deposited into the fund pursuant to SCC 4.126.030 plus any investment or other income to the fund.

(3) The director of the human services department shall serve as fund manager and shall have the duties set out in SCC 4.05.050.

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Section 3. Snohomish County Code Section 4.126.050 added by Amended Ordinance No. 21-098, on December 15, 2021, is amended to read:

4.126.050 Use of ~~((fund))~~ funds.

(1) The resources of the affordable housing and behavioral health program fund shall be used for any of the purposes set forth in RCW 82.14.530.

~~((2) The resources of the fund may be used to supplant existing funding only to the extent allowed in RCW 82.14.530.~~

~~(3) The resources of the fund may be used to offset reductions in state or federal funds for the purposes described in RCW 82.14.530(2).)~~

(2) The resources of the behavioral health facility expansion fund shall be used solely for constructing or acquiring behavioral health facilities, or acquiring land for these purposes.

(3) For the purposes of this section "behavioral health facilities" shall be defined as health care facilities whose primary purpose is to provide diagnostic, therapeutic, and rehabilitative services for mental health and substance use disorders.

Section 4. Snohomish County Code Section 4.126.060, added by Amended Ordinance 21-098, on December 15, 2021, is amended to read:

4.126.060 Reporting responsibilities.

(1) The director of the department of human services shall submit quarterly reports and annual summary reports to the county executive and council on programs supported with resources of ~~((the fund))~~ the affordable housing and behavioral health program fund established by SCC 4.126.040.

(2) The director of the department of human services shall submit an annual report, with their departmental biennial budget and any mid-biennium update request, to the county executive and council, on identified behavioral health facilities projects and the associated saving and spending plan for the projects under the behavioral health facility expansion fund established by SCC 4.126.045.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

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Council Chair

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