

**SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH  
ORDINANCE NO. 22-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT REPEALING CHAPTER 2.80 OF THE HEALTH DISTRICT CODE REGARDING SECURE MEDICINE RETURN REGULATION IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2016, pursuant to Ordinance 2016-001 the Board of Health for Snohomish Health District adopted regulations entitled “SECURE MEDICINE RETURN REGULATION IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 69.48 RCW, and specifically, RCW 69.48.160, the State Legislature enacted legislation that pre-empts local regulation of secure medicine return; and

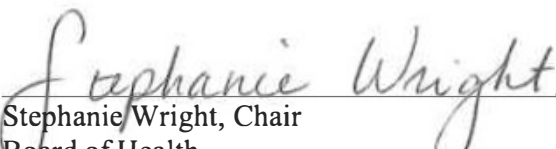
**WHEREAS**, Snohomish Health District Code Section 2.80.180 provides that if a state or federal law, or combination of laws or agency rules, takes effect that establishes a Washington State or national program for the convenient collection and environmentally sound disposal of covered drugs from residents that meets or exceeds the intent of this chapter and the Snohomish Health District confirms by Board action that such program meets or exceeds the intent of this chapter, then this chapter shall become void; and

**WHEREAS**, following review of Chapter 69.48 RCW and a briefing by Health District staff, the Board of Health finds that the state program for collection and disposal of secure drugs meets or exceeds the provisions of Chapter 2.80;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Board of Health finds that the provisions of Chapter 69.48 RCW meet or exceed the intent of Health District Chapter 2.80 rendering it void and in light of the state pre-emption set forth in RCW 69.48.160, Chapter 2.80 of the Snohomish Health District Code is hereby repealed in its entirety. This ordinance shall take effect five business days following adoption.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

  
Stephanie Wright, Chair  
Board of Health

Attest:



Shawn Frederick, Administrative Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Grant K. Weed, Health District General Counsel