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SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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RESOLUTION NUMBER: 78 - 21

RESOLUTION SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PUBLIC
HEALTH ASPECTS OF THE EVERETT WATER

WHEREAS the Board of Health of Snohomish Health District has the responsibility, pursuant to RCW 70.05.060 to supervise the maintenance of all health and sanitary measures for the protection of the public health within its jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS the quality, purity, and safety of drinking water available to the public is a legitimate concern of the Board for Health; and,

WHEREAS the Department of Social and Health Services has recently expressed its concern about the lack of filtration of the Everett water; and

WHEREAS certain aspects of the Everett water have been recently discussed and publicized and have created, in some instances, public concern about the status of the Everett water,

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Health after due deliberation and review of information available, does declare the following policies with reference to public health aspects of the Everett Water:

ONE. FILTRATION OF WATER. The Board of Health recognizes that standards established by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 require that Everett water be filtered since the City does not control the watershed. The Board of Health therefore endorses Resolution Number 1113, adopted by the City Council of Everett in February 1976, establishing as the policy of the City of Everett the intention to proceed to develop plans for the financing and construction of water filtration facilities. The Board of Health urges the City to not deviate from this position and to plan for water filtration at such time in the future that such undertaking is feasible with reference to other needs of the City and with reference to available funding.

TWO. WATER QUALITY. The Board of Health, after review of current data concerning water quality studies, believes that users of the Everett water should be reassured that there is no evidence to support a conclusion that the water is unsafe for drinking. Bacteriologic testing is consistently within limits. Reported disease data does not indicate prevalence of water-borne diseases with relation to the water system.

THREE. DISEASE MONITORING. The Board recognizes the responsibility of the Health District to continue a program of closely monitoring all reports of illnesses that could be water-related or water-borne so that accurate data is available concerning the incidence of any such diseases.

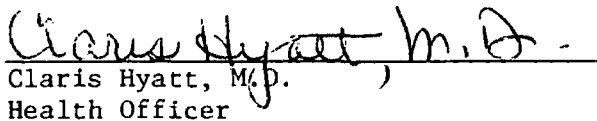
FOUR. HEALTH ASPECTS OF ASBESTOS FIBERS. The Board believes that questions about the effect of asbestos fibers in the water and the relationship of such fibers to health should be answered by scientific research and future decisions with reference to water treatment requirements based upon findings of such research.

Adopted this 10th day of October 1978.



William J. Langus, Vice Chairman
Board of Health

ATTEST:



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October 10, 1978

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