



City of Arlington Council Agenda Bill

Item:
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COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	
January 3, 2017	
SUBJECT:	
Reappointment of Mayor Dan Rankin to serve as Snohomish Health District Board of Health Representative for all small cities in County Council District #1	
ATTACHMENTS:	
Letter from Snohomish Health District received 12/12/16	
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN	
Administration - Contact Paul Ellis, 360-403-4603	
EXPENDITURES REQUESTED:	-0-
BUDGET CATEGORY:	N/A
LEGAL REVIEW:	
DESCRIPTION:	
<p>Mayor Dan Rankin has requested to be reappointed to the Snohomish Health District Board. A selection must be made and provided to the Snohomish Health District no later than January 4, 2016.</p> <p>The cities of Arlington, Darrington, Granite Falls, and Stanwood are required to designate a representative from amongst the city councils to the Snohomish Health District Board of Health on an annual basis. There are a total of 15 representatives on the Board of Health: the County Council, each representing their Council district, and two city representatives from each County Council district. One city representative must be from the largest city within each County Council district, and the other city representative must be selected from the remaining incorporated cities within that Council district. The cities within County Council District #1 are Arlington, Darrington, Granite Falls, Marysville, and Stanwood, with Marysville being the largest within the District.</p>	
HISTORY:	
Mayor Dan Rankin served as the City's representative to the Snohomish Health District Board of Health for 2016.	
ALTERNATIVES	
No alternatives.	
RECOMMENDED MOTION:	
I move to reappoint Mayor Dan Rankin to serve as Snohomish Health District Board of Health Representative for all small cities in County Council District #1.	



December 12, 2016

The Honorable Barbara Tolbert
City of Arlington
238 North Olympic Ave.
Arlington, WA 98223

Re: Annual Certification of Board of Health Representative

Dear Mayor Tolbert:

It's time again to certify your city's representative to the Board of Health.

To improve the health of all Snohomish County residents, the Board of Health sets local public health policy and oversees the operations of the Snohomish Health District. Through the budget process, the Board determines the Health District's programming, which affects how infectious diseases are prevented, how we respond to emergencies, and how we deal with the increasing challenges of an aging population and chronic diseases. The Board is also currently working on issues such as the leadership structure and the possible disposition of the Rucker Building, which houses most Health District programs. These are important issues that will take us into the new year and beyond.

The Board is comprised of the five Snohomish County Council members and ten representatives from the incorporated cities within Snohomish County. Per the Health District Charter:

- (a) The largest city within each County Council District shall appoint a Board of Health representative in accordance with each city's procedure for making such appointments. The representative appointed shall be certified annually by the mayor or city manager as properly appointed in a letter to the Health District.*
- (b) Cities and towns other than the largest within each County Council District jointly shall select a single representative by a method of their choosing. This representative shall be jointly certified annually by the mayors or city managers as properly appointed in a letter to the Health District.*

Marysville is the largest city in District 1 and appoints its own representative. Arlington shares its representation on the Board with the other cities and towns in District 1 – Darrington, Granite Falls, and Stanwood. The current representative for your city is Darrington Mayor Dan Rankin, who remains eligible to serve on the Board. We're very grateful for his participation and support.

The first 2017 meeting of the Board will be on January 10, when the Board will elect its officers. Although I appreciate the challenge of responding quickly on this matter, to comply with the Charter, I request a letter from you or your city administrator by January 4, 2017, certifying your representative to the Board for 2017.

We're hoping that most, if not all, of our members will return in 2017, and we hope that Mr. Rankin will once again join us on the Board. Indeed, the Board is considering changes to the Health District's Charter to strengthen "institutional memory" through biennial appointments. We'll keep you informed. If you have any questions, please call me at (425) 339-5210.

Sincerely,

Gary Goldbaum, MD, MPH
Health Officer & Director

cc: Arlington City Council