

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION FOR DELEGATION OF SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH FEES AND FINES

WHEREAS the Skagit County Board of Health is authorized under RCW 70.05.060 and Skagit County Code Chapter 12 to establish fees, fines, and penalties related to Public Health programs and services; and

WHEREAS the Board of Health recognizes that fees, fines, and assessed costs imposed through Public Health enforcement actions are intended to promote compliance and protect public health; and

WHEREAS Public Health enforcement actions may involve complex factual, operational, or financial circumstances where flexibility and negotiated resolution would better serve the public interest while maintaining regulatory compliance; and

WHEREAS, certain sections of Skagit County Code Chapter 12 currently provide limited authority for adjustment or resolution of fines or assessed costs at the Departmental level, but such authority is not consistently available across all Public Health program areas; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 12 of the Skagit County Code also governs enforcement activities of Planning and Development Services, and the Board of Health intends that any delegation of authority under this Resolution apply solely to Public Health-related programs and not to other County departments; and

WHEREAS Public Health programs under the jurisdiction of the Skagit County Health Department include, but are not limited to, food safety, on-site sewage systems, drinking water, solid waste, hazardous waste, and other environmental and public health programs authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health finds that allowing the Health Officer, with appropriate oversight and consultation, to modify or resolve Public Health-related fines or assessed costs will support timely compliance, equitable outcomes, and efficient use of County resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that authority is hereby delegated to the Skagit County Health Officer, with the consent of the Public Health Director and in consultation with the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, to modify, reduce, suspend, settle, or reverse Public Health-related fines, penalties, or assessed costs, including the authority to negotiate and execute satisfactory settlement agreements to effectuate compliance and protection of public health on behalf of the Board of Health.

PASSED this 10 day of February, 2026.

**SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

