



Planning and Community Development

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-3279

Ordinance: 25-068

Type:

☐ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☒ **Code Amendment**

☐ Budget Action

☐ Other

Requested Handling:

☒ **Normal**

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ **N/A**

Executive Rec:

☒ **Approve**

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☒ **Yes**

☐ No

☐ N/A

Subject:

Park Impact Fees

Scope:

Amending Snohomish County Code Chapter 30.66A - Park and Recreation Facility impact mitigation to update impact fee calculation formula and impact fee schedule and amending Chapter 30.91B to add definition of "bedroom" for purposes of impact fee calculations.

Duration:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

☐ Current Year

☐ Multi-Year

☒ **N/A**

Authority Granted:

Authorizes the Executive to sign the ordinance updating SCC 30.66A to revise park and recreation impact mitigation fees and to comply with recent state legislation regarding impact fees for smaller housing units.

Background

Snohomish County Code (SCC) Chapter 30.66A was adopted by Amended Ordinance 04-016 on February 23, 2005, and established Snohomish County's Growth Management Act (GMA) based impact mitigation fee program for park facilities pursuant to RCW 82.02.050. SCC 30.66A includes the recommendation that park impact mitigation fees be reviewed and/or adjusted in conjunction with revisions to the County's comprehensive plan and/or every two years. The 2024 biennial update of park impact mitigation fees updated the fee schedule to reflect current park improvement project costs and anticipated population growth in accordance with the adopted level-of-service standards set forth in the proposed 2025-2030 Parks Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The Washington State Legislature approved Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (ESSSB) 5258 amending RCW 82.02.060, *Impact fees-Local ordinances-Required provisions-Exemptions* to produce a proportionally lower impact fee for smaller housing units and requires jurisdictions to adopt the revised fee schedule within six months after the comprehensive plan update. Parks has conducted public outreach in developing the proposed amendments to Chapter 30.66A SCC, which are proposed by this ordinance, including webpage postings and newsletter updates, a SEPA checklist process, and Planning Commission review and approval of the amendments.

Request: To move Ordinance 25-068 to GLS to set a time and date for a public hearing.