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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 26-002

RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF USES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES; AMENDING CHAPTERS 30.31A AND 30.31B AND SECTIONS 30.21.025, 30.22.100, 30.23.010, 30.70.025, 30.70.050, 30.70.140, 30.70.300, AND 30.86.200 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A.130 directs counties planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) to consider amendments and revisions to the GMA Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) or development regulations on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, the adopted GMACP includes the Economic Development Element with Economic Development Policy 2.A.3, which states: "To ensure timeliness, responsiveness, and increased efficiency, the county shall develop and maintain a program of periodic review of the permitting process to eliminate unnecessary administrative procedures that do not respond to legal requirements for public review and citizen input"; and

WHEREAS, the amendments in this ordinance eliminate unnecessary administrative procedures including preliminary site plan approval, final site plan approval, and administrative conditional use permit in multiple commercial and industrial land use categories; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, the Snohomish County Planning Commission ("planning commission") was briefed by Snohomish County Planning and Development Services (PDS) staff about the proposed code amendments contained in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the planning commission held a public hearing on July 22, 2025, to receive public testimony concerning the proposed code amendments and recommended adoption of the amendments contained in this ordinance, as shown in its approval letter dated August 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on _____, 2025, the Snohomish County Council (“county council”) held a public hearing after proper notice to receive public testimony and consider the entire record related to the code amendments contained in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the county council deliberated on the code amendments contained in this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The county council makes the following findings:

A. The county council adopts and incorporates the foregoing recitals as findings as if set forth fully herein.

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1 B. This ordinance amends title 30 of the Snohomish County Code (SCC) as follows:

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3 1. In chapter 30.31A SCC, amendments will eliminate onerous regulations and clarify
4 ambiguous language in the business performance zones chapter. These regulations
5 are remnants from the 1980s and were designed for large business parks and
6 corporate headquarters. Current commercial properties no longer need such
7 intensive oversight, such as the need for preliminary site plan approval or final site
8 plan approval.

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10 2. In chapter 30.31B SCC, amendments will eliminate onerous regulations in the
11 general commercial chapter, including the need for the hearing examiner's approval
12 in all landscape screening decisions or the need for an administrative conditional use
13 permit.

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15 3. Further amendments will update any cross-references resulting from these changes,
16 and clarify setback regulations in zones with multiple categories, such as the rural
17 commercial zones and the rural industrial zone.

18 C. The proposed amendments are consistent with and supportive of the following GMA goal:

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20 GMA Goal 7: "Permits. Applications for both state and local government permits should
21 be processed in a timely and fair manner to ensure predictability."

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23 The proposed amendments eliminate the need for two separate approvals (final and preliminary
24 site plans), streamline business performance zone applications with a standard official site plan,
25 and ensure applications are processed in a predictable, timely, and fair manner to all similarly
26 situated applicants.

27 D. The proposed amendments are consistent with and supportive of the following multicounty
28 planning policy (MPP) from the Puget Sound Regional Council VISION 2050:

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30 MPP-DP-47: "Streamline development standards and regulations for residential and
31 commercial development and public projects, especially in centers and high-capacity
32 transit station areas, to provide flexibility and to accommodate a broader range of project
33 types consistent with the regional vision."

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35 The proposed amendments routinize development applications in business performance zones
36 with an official site plan and ensure a more streamlined and consistent set of regulations for
37 commercial developments. Additional clarification on rural commercial and rural industrial zones
38 provides consistent and expected norms for setback regulations.

39 E. The proposed amendments are consistent with and supportive of the following countywide
40 planning policy (CPP):

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42 CPP-ED-16: "The expeditious processing of development applications shall not result in
43 the reduction of environmental and land use standards."

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45 The proposed amendments ensure expeditious processing of development applications by
46 simplifying site plan reviews and eliminating hearing examiner review for landscaping issues,

1 without reducing environmental or land use standards. Reduced setbacks will not be detrimental
2 to neighboring uses, given the similarity of rural commercial zone uses and rural industrial zone
3 uses to both commercial-type and industrial-type uses respectively.

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5 F. The proposed amendments are consistent with and supportive of the following Snohomish
6 County Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) policy:

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8 ED Policy 2.A.3: "To ensure timeliness, responsiveness, and increased efficiency, the
9 county shall develop and maintain a program of periodic review of the permitting process
10 to eliminate unnecessary administrative procedures that do not respond to legal
11 requirements for public review and citizen input."

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13 The proposed amendments eliminate the more complicated application review procedures in
14 the business performance zones and clarify the setbacks in the rural commercial and rural
15 industrial zones. The proposed amendments ensure a more efficient and less costly application
16 process with less time wasted on site review.

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18 G. Procedural requirements.

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20 1. This proposal is a Type 3 legislative action under SCC 30.73.010.
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22 2. As required by RCW 30.70A.106(1), a notice of intent to adopt the proposed code
23 amendments was transmitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce for
24 distribution to state agencies on July 1, 2025.
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26 3. State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requirements with
27 respect to this non-project action have been satisfied through the completion of an
28 environmental checklist and the issuance of a determination of non-significance on
29 July 1, 2025.
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31 4. The public participation process used in the adoption of this ordinance complies with
32 all applicable requirements of the GMA and the SCC.
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34 5. The Washington State Attorney General last issued an advisory memorandum, as
35 required by RCW 36.70A.370, in October of 2024 entitled Advisory Memorandum
36 and Recommended Process for Evaluating Proposed Regulatory or Administrative
37 Actions to Avoid the Unconstitutional Takings of Private Property to help local
38 governments avoid the unconstitutional taking of private property. The process
39 outlined in the State Attorney General's 2024 advisory memorandum was used by
40 the County in objectively evaluating the regulatory changes proposed by this
41 ordinance.

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43 H. These amendments have been evaluated for their potential to create barriers to the
44 implementation of Low Impact Development (LID) principles and measures for stormwater
45 management. The updates to SCC will not impact LID principles or measures.

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1 I. The amendments will not have an impact on the demand for capital facilities and utilities.
2 County and external service providers maintain long-range plans and financing strategies to
3 meet projected service demands that will not be impacted by these amendments.

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5 J. The amendments have been evaluated for their potential impact on housing and jobs in the
6 county. This project will not impact housing production in the county and will potentially have
7 a positive impact on job creation through encouraging new businesses by simplifying and
8 clarifying development regulations in the business performance zones.

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10 K. This ordinance is consistent with the record:

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12 1. The streamlining of the preliminary and final plan approval process into a solitary
13 official site plan will increase efficiency in the permitting process. The official site plan
14 contains all necessary site plan information; other site plans are redundancies.

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16 2. Eliminate the minimum zoning criteria and other related criteria in SCC 30.31A.020.
17 References to preliminary and final development plans are no longer relevant due to
18 the adoption of an official site plan. Additionally, minimum zoning criteria for the
19 business park zone, planning community business zone, and the neighborhood
20 business zone, as well as utility service regulations, are no longer relevant due to the
21 adoption of the 2024 comprehensive plan update, which provides updated zoning
22 maps and future land use maps, and provides utility service and distribution policy.

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24 3. Eliminating the need for hearing examiner approval in landscape screening decisions
25 and removing the need for administrative conditional use permits (ACUP) under SCC
26 30.31B.200 when an official site plan is not consolidated with a rezone, will also yield
27 further efficiencies in planning review. An ACUP requires staff to prepare a formal
28 land use decision and compatibility analysis, which adds time and complexity to
29 projects that already meet zone standards. In practice, incompatible uses are no
30 longer permitted in the general commercial zone. Historically, general commercial
31 zone site plans were reviewed and approved directly through the building permit
32 process, which was a more streamlined and effective method that this amendment
33 seeks to restore.

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35 4. Use matrix changes were made to allow more storage uses in the business
36 performance zones. Non-accessory storage structures could be utilized by
37 commercial and retail establishments and should be permitted outright instead of as
38 a conditional use permit that causes additional permit review times. This is already
39 the case for non-accessory storage structures that are less than 2,400 square feet in
40 size and should also apply to those larger than 2,400 square feet.

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42 5. Language was added to clarify rural commercial and rural industrial zones in SCC
43 Table 30.23.032, the Urban Residential Zones Bulk Matrix. The column category
44 provides there be one designation for hybrid zones when determining setback
45 requirements. The rural commercial zones are more akin to the commercial zones,
46 and the rural industrial zones are akin to the industrial zones. The intent and function
47 of the rural industrial zone is to provide for small-scale light industrial, light
48 manufacturing, recycling, mineral processing, and resource-based goods production

1 uses. The intent and function of the rural commercial zone is to allow commercial
2 businesses and services that primarily serve the local rural population.

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4 Section 2. The county council makes the following conclusions:

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6 A. The amendments proposed by this ordinance are consistent with the GMA and are
7 consistent with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

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9 B. The amendments proposed by this ordinance are consistent with the MPPs.

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11 C. The amendments proposed by this ordinance are consistent with the CPPs.

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13 D. The amendments proposed by this ordinance are consistent with the GMACP.

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15 E. The County has complied with all SEPA requirements with respect to this non-project action.

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17 F. The amendments proposed by this ordinance do not result in an unconstitutional taking of
18 private property for a public purpose.

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20 Section 3. The Snohomish County Council bases its findings and conclusions on the
21 entire record of the county council, including all testimony and exhibits. Any finding, which
22 should be deemed a conclusion, and any conclusion which should be deemed a finding, is
23 hereby adopted as such.

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25 Section 4. Snohomish County Code Section 30.21.025, last amended by Amended
26 Ordinance No. 25-045 on August 13, 2025, is amended to read:

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28 **30.21.025 Intent of zones.**

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30 This section describes the intent of each use zone. Snohomish County's use zones are
31 categorized and implemented consistent with the comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan
32 establishes guidelines to determine compatibility and location of use zones. The intent of each
33 zone is established pursuant to SCC Table 30.21.020 and is set forth below in subsections (1)
34 through (4) of this section.

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36 (1) *Urban Zones.* The urban zones category consists of residential, commercial, and industrial
37 zoning classifications in Urban Growth Areas (UGAs) located outside of cities in unincorporated
38 Snohomish County. These areas are either already characterized by, or are planned for, urban
39 growth consistent with the comprehensive plan.

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41 (a) *Single Family Residential.* The intent and function of Single-Family Residential zones is
42 to provide for predominantly single-family residential development that achieves a minimum
43 net density of six dwelling units per net acre. These zones may be used as holding zones
44 for properties that are designated Urban Medium-Density Residential, Urban High-Density
45 Residential, Urban Commercial, Urban Industrial, Public/Institutional use (P/IU), or Other
46 land uses in the comprehensive plan. The official Snohomish County zoning maps prepared
47 pursuant to SCC 30.21.030 shall use the suffix "P/IU" to indicate all areas in which these
48 zones implement the P/IU designation (e.g., R-7,200-P/IU). Single family residential zones
49 consist of the following:

- (i) Residential 7,200 sq. ft. (R-7,200);
- (ii) Residential 8,400 sq. ft. (R-8,400); and
- (iii) Residential 9,600 sq. ft. (R-9,600).

(b) *Multiple Family Residential.* Multiple Family Residential zones provide for predominantly apartment and townhouse development in designated medium- and high-density residential locations. Multiple Family Residential zones consist of the following:

- (i) *Townhouse (T).* The intent and function of the Townhouse zone is to:
 - (A) provide for single family dwellings, both attached and detached, or different styles, sizes, and prices at urban densities greater than those for strictly single family detached development, but less than multifamily development;
 - (B) provide a flexible tool for the development of physically suitable, skipped-over, or under-used lands in urban areas without adversely affecting adjacent development; and
 - (C) provide design standards and reviews which recognize the special characteristics of townhouses, to ensure the development of well-planned communities, and ensure the compatibility of such housing developments with adjacent, existing, and planned uses. Townhouses are intended to serve the housing needs of a variety of housing consumers and producers. Therefore, townhouses may be built for renter occupancy of units on a site under single ownership, owner agreements pursuant to chapters 64.32 or 64.34 RCW, or owner or renter occupancy of separately conveyed units on individual lots created through formal subdivision pursuant to chapter 58.17 RCW.
- (ii) *Low-Density Multiple Residential (LDMR).* The intent and function of the Low-Density Multiple Residential zone is to provide a variety of low-density, multifamily housing including townhouses, multifamily structures, and attached or detached homes on small lots;
- (iii) *Multiple Residential (MR).* The intent and function of the Multiple Residential zone is to provide for high-density development, including townhouses and multifamily structures generally near other high-intensity land uses; and
- (iv) *Mobile Home Park (MHP).* The intent and function of the Mobile Home Park zone is to provide and preserve high density, affordable residential development consisting of mobile homes for existing mobile home parks as a source of affordable detached single-family and senior housing. This zone is assigned to existing mobile home parks which contain rental pads, as opposed to fee simple owned lots, and as such are more susceptible to future development.

(c) *Commercial.* The Commercial zones provide for neighborhood, community, and urban center commercial, and mixed-use developments that offer a range of retail, office, personal service, and wholesale uses. Commercial zones consist of the following:

(i) *Neighborhood Business (NB)*. The intent and function of the Neighborhood Business zone is to provide for local facilities that serve the everyday needs of the surrounding neighborhood, rather than the larger surrounding community;

(ii) *Planned Community Business (PCB).* The intent and function of the Planned Community Business zone is to provide for community business enterprises in areas desirable for business but having highly sensitive elements of vehicular circulation, or natural site and environmental conditions while minimizing impacts upon these elements through the establishment of performance criteria. Performance criteria for this zone are intended to control external as well as internal effects of commercial development. It is the goal of this zone to discourage "piecemeal" and strip development by encouraging development under unified control;

(iii) *Community Business (CB).* The intent and function of the Community Business zone is to provide for businesses and services designed to serve the needs of several neighborhoods;

(iv) *General Commercial (GC).* The intent and function of the General Commercial zone is to provide for a wide variety of retail and nonretail commercial and business uses. General commercial sites are auto-oriented as opposed to pedestrian or neighborhood oriented. Certain performance standards, subject to review and approval of an official site plan, are contained in chapter ((30.31B)) 30.31A SCC;

(v) *Business Park (BP).* The intent and function of the Business Park zone is to provide for those business/industrial uses of a professional office, wholesale, and manufacturing nature which are capable of being constructed, maintained, and operated in a manner uniquely designed to be compatible with adjoining residential, retail commercial, or other less intensive land uses, existing or planned. Strict zoning controls must be applied in conjunction with private covenants and unified control of land; many business/industrial uses otherwise provided for in the zoning code will not be suited to the BP zone due to an inability to comply with its provisions and achieve compatibility with surrounding uses. The BP zone, under limited circumstances, may also provide for residential development where sites are large and where compatibility can be assured for on-site mixed uses and uses on adjacent properties;

(vi) *Light Industrial (LI)*. The intent and function of the Light Industrial zone is to promote, protect, and provide for light industrial uses while also maintaining compatibility with adjacent nonindustrial areas;

(vii) *Heavy Industrial (HI)*. The intent and function of the Heavy Industrial zone is to promote, protect, and provide for heavy industrial uses while also maintaining compatibility with adjacent nonindustrial areas; and

(viii) *Industrial Park (IP/PIP).* The intent and function of the Industrial Park and Planned Industrial Park zones is to provide for heavy and light industrial development

1 under controls to protect the higher uses of land and to stabilize property values
2 primarily in those areas in close proximity to residential or other less intensive
3 development. The IP and remaining Planned Industrial Park (PIP) zones are designed
4 to ensure compatibility between industrial uses in industrial centers and thereby
5 maintain the attractiveness of such centers for both existing and potential users and the
6 surrounding community. Vacant/undeveloped land which is currently zoned PIP shall
7 be developed pursuant to industrial park zone regulations (chapter 30.31A SCC).
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9 (d) *Industrial Zones.* The Industrial zones provide for a range of industrial and
10 manufacturing uses and limited commercial and other nonindustrial uses necessary for the
11 convenience of industrial activities. Industrial zones consist of the following:

12 (i) *Business Park (BP).* See description under subsection (1)(c)(v) of this section;
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14 (ii) *Light Industrial (LI).* See description under subsection (1)(c)(vi) of this section;
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16 (iii) *Heavy Industrial (HI).* See description under subsection (1)(c)(vii) of this section;
17 and
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19 (iv) *Industrial Park (IP).* See description under subsection (1)(c)(viii) of this section.

20 (e) *Urban Center (UC).* The intent and function of the Urban Center zone is to implement
21 the Urban Center designation on the future land use map by providing a zone that allows a
22 mix of high-density residential, office and retail uses with public and community facilities
23 and pedestrian connections located within one-half mile of existing or planned stops or
24 stations for high capacity transit routes such as light rail or commuter rail lines, regional
25 express bus routes, or transit corridors that contain multiple bus routes or which otherwise
26 provide access to such transportation.
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28 (f) *Mixed Use Corridor (MUC).* The intent and function of the Mixed Use Corridor zone is to
29 implement the Mixed Use Corridor designation on the future land use map by providing a
30 zone along state routes and county arterials in the Urban Core Subarea that allows a mix of
31 high-density residential, office, and commercial uses with public and community facilities
32 and pedestrian connections.
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34 (2) *Rural Zones.* The Rural zones category consists of zoning classifications applied to lands
35 located outside UGAs that are not designated as agricultural or forest lands of long-term
36 commercial significance. These lands have existing or planned rural services and facilities, and
37 rural fire and police protection services. Rural zones may be used as holding zones for
38 properties that are primarily a transition area within UGAs on steep slopes adjacent to non-UGA
39 lands designated rural or agriculture by the comprehensive plan. Rural zones consist of the
40 following:
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42 (a) *Rural Diversification (RD).* The intent and function of the Rural Diversification zone is to
43 provide for the orderly use and development of the most isolated, outlying rural areas of the
44 county and at the same time allow sufficient flexibility so that traditional rural land uses and
45 activities can continue. These areas characteristically have only rudimentary public services
46 and facilities, steep slopes and other natural conditions, which discourage intense
47 development, and a resident population, which forms an extremely rural and undeveloped
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1 environment. The resident population of these areas is small and highly dispersed. The
2 zone is intended to protect, maintain, and encourage traditional and appropriate rural land
3 uses, particularly those which allow residents to earn a satisfactory living on their own land.
4 The following guidelines apply:

5 (i) a minimum of restrictions shall be placed on traditional and appropriate rural land
6 uses;

7 (ii) the rural character of these outlying areas will be protected by carefully regulating
8 the size, location, design, and timing of large-scale, intensive land use development;
9 and

10 (iii) large residential lots shall be required with the intent of preserving a desirable rural
11 lifestyle as well as preventing intensive urban- and suburban-density development,
12 while also protecting the quality of ground and surface water supplies and other natural
13 resources;

14 (b) *Rural Resource Transition - 10 Acre (RRT-10)*. The intent and function of the Rural
15 Resource Transition - 10 Acre zone is to implement the Rural Residential-10 (resource
16 transition) designation and policies in the comprehensive plan, which identify and designate
17 rural lands with forestry resource values as a transition between designated forest lands
18 and rural lands;

19 (c) *Rural-5 Acre (R-5)*. The intent and function of the Rural-5 Acre zone is to maintain rural
20 character in areas that lack urban services;

21 (d) *Rural Business (RB)*. The intent and function of the Rural Business zone is to permit
22 the location of small-scale commercial retail businesses and personal services which serve
23 a limited service area and rural population outside established UGAs. This zone is to be
24 implemented as a "floating zone" and will be located where consistent with specific
25 locational criteria. The Rural Business zone permits small-scale retail sales and services
26 located along county roads on small parcels that serve the immediate rural residential
27 population, and for a new rural business, are located two and one-half miles from an
28 existing rural business, rural freeway service zone, or commercial designation in the rural
29 area. Rural businesses, which serve the immediate rural population, may be located at
30 crossroads of county roads, state routes, and major arterials;

31 (e) *Clearview Rural Commercial (CRC)*. The intent and function of the CRC zone is to
32 permit the location of commercial businesses and services that primarily serve the rural
33 population within the defined boundary established by the CRC land use designation. Uses
34 and development are limited to those compatible with existing rural uses that do not require
35 urban utilities and services;

36 (f) *Rural Freeway Service (RFS)*. The intent and function of the Rural Freeway Service
37 zone is to permit the location of small-scale, freeway-oriented commercial services in the
38 vicinity of on/off ramp frontages and access roads of interstate highways in areas outside a
39 designated UGA boundary and within rural areas of the county. Permitted uses are limited
40 to commercial establishments dependent upon highway users; and

(g) *Rural Industrial (RI)*. The intent and function of the Rural Industrial zone is to provide for small-scale light industrial, light manufacturing, recycling, mineral processing, and resource-based goods production uses that are compatible with rural character and do not require an urban level of utilities and services.

(3) **Resource Zones.** The Resource zones category consists of zoning classifications that conserve and protect lands useful for agriculture, forestry, or mineral extraction or lands which have long-term commercial significance for these uses. Resource zones consist of the following:

(a) *Forestry (F)*. The intent and function of the Forestry zone is to conserve and protect forest lands for long-term forestry and related uses. Forest lands are normally large tracts under one ownership and located in areas outside UGAs and away from residential and intense recreational use;

(b) *Forestry and Recreation (F&R)*. The intent and function of the Forestry and Recreation zone is to provide for the development and use of forest land for the production of forest products as well as certain other compatible uses such as recreation, including recreation uses where remote locations may be required, and to protect publicly owned parks in UGAs:

(c) *Agriculture-10 Acre (A-10).* The intent and function of the Agricultural-10 Acre zone is:

- (i) To implement the goals and objectives of the County GMA Comprehensive Plan which include the goals of protecting agricultural lands and promoting agriculture as a component of the County economy;

(ii) To protect and promote the continuation of farming in areas where it is already established and in locations where farming has traditionally been a viable component of the local economy; and

(iii) To permit in agricultural lands, with limited exceptions, only agricultural land uses and activities and farm-related uses that provide a support infrastructure for farming, or that support, promote or sustain agricultural operations and production including compatible accessory commercial or retail uses on designated agricultural lands.

(iv) Allowed uses include, but are not limited to:

(A) Storage and refrigeration of regional agricultural products:

(B) Production, sales and marketing of value-added agricultural products derived from regional sources:

(C) Supplemental sources of on-farm income that support and sustain on-farm agricultural operations and production:

(D) Support services that facilitate the production, marketing and distribution of agricultural products:

1 (E) Off-farm and on-farm sales and marketing of predominately regional
2 agricultural products from one or more producers, agriculturally related
3 experiences, products derived from regional agricultural production, products
4 including locally made arts and crafts, and ancillary sales or service activities; and
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6 (F) Accessory commercial or retail uses which shall be accessory to the growing
7 of crops or raising of animals and which shall sell products predominately produced
8 on-site, agricultural experiences, or products, including arts and crafts, produced
9 on-site. Accessory commercial or retail sales shall offer for sale a significant
10 amount of products or services produced on-site.

11 (v) Allowed uses shall comply with all of the following standards:

12 (A) The uses shall be compatible with resource land service standards.

13 (B) The allowed uses shall be located, designed and operated so as not to
14 interfere with normal agricultural practices.

15 (C) The uses may operate out of existing or new buildings with parking and other
16 supportive uses consistent with the size and scale of agricultural buildings but shall
17 not otherwise convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses.

18 (4) *Other Zones.* The Other zones category consists of existing zoning classifications that are
19 no longer primary implementing zones but may be used in special circumstances due to
20 topography, natural features, or the presence of extensive critical areas. Other zones consist of
21 the following:

22 (a) Suburban Agriculture-1 Acre (SA-1);

23 (b) Rural Conservation (RC);

24 (c) Rural Use (RU);

25 (d) Residential 20,000 sq. ft. (R-20,000);

26 (e) Residential 12,500 sq. ft. (R-12,500); and

27 (f) Waterfront beach (WFB).

28 Section 5. Snohomish County Code Section 30.22.100, last amended by Amended
29 Ordinance No. 25-033 on August 13, 2025, is amended to read:

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30.22.100 Urban Zone Categories Use Matrix.

TYPE OF USE	R-9,600 ⁸⁸	R-8,400 ⁸⁸	R-7,200 ⁸⁸	T	LDMR	MR	NB	PCB	CB ¹²⁸	GC ¹²⁸	IP ⁷⁶	BP	LI ⁵⁵ , 76	HI ⁵⁵	MHP ¹¹⁴	UC ¹²²	MUC ¹²²
Accessory Dwelling Unit ⁶²	P	P	P	P	P	P											
Adult Entertainment Business/Use ⁶⁷											P		P	P			
Agriculture ^{41, 107}	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Airport, Stage 1 Utility ¹	C	C	C						P	P	P	P	P	P			
Airport-All Others											P	P	P	P			
Amusement Facility ^{41, 129}								P	P	P	P		P	P		P	P
Antique Shop							P	P	P	P			P	P		P	P
Art Gallery ⁴¹	C	C	C		C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Auto Repair, Major							P	P ⁸⁶	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Auto Repair, Minor							P	P	P ⁸⁶	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Auto Towing												P	P				

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TYPE OF USE	R-9,600 ⁸⁸	R-8,400 ⁸⁸	R-7,200 ⁸⁸	T	LDMR	MR	NB	PCB	CB ¹²⁸	GC ¹²⁸	IP ⁷⁶	BP	LI ⁵⁵ , 76	HI ⁵⁵	MHP ¹¹⁴	UC ¹²²	MUC ¹²²
Automobile Wrecking and Junkyards														C ⁴⁴	P ⁴⁴		
Bed and Breakfast Guesthouse ⁵⁸	A	A	A	A	A	A									A		
Billboards ⁴⁶																	
Non-digital											P			P	P		
Digital											P			P	P		
Boarding House	P ¹⁵	P ¹⁵	P ¹⁵		P	P	P		P	P					P	P	P
Boat Launch Facility, Commercial ³¹										C	C			C	C		P
Boat Launch Facility, Non-commercial ³¹	C	C	C		C	C			C	C			C	C			
Caretaker's Quarters							P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Cemetery and Funeral Home	C	C	C		C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Church ^{41, 129}	C	C	C		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Clubhouse	C	C	C		C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

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Commercial Vehicle Storage Facility										P	P	P	P	P			
Community Facilities for Juveniles¹⁰³																	
1 to 8 Resident Facility	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
9 to 24 Resident Facility	S	S	S	S	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Construction Contracting										P	P	P	P	P		P ¹²³	
Day Care Center^{2, 129}																	
Up to 8,000 sq ft	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Over 8,000 sq ft	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Distillation of Alcohol										P	P	P	P		P	P	
Dock & Boathouse, Private, Non-commercial^{3, 41}	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P			
Dwelling, Attached Single Family¹⁴⁰	P	P	P	P	P	P					P ⁵¹						

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Dwelling, Co-Living¹⁴⁰					P	P	P	P	P	P		P ⁵¹				P	P
Dwelling, Cottage Housing¹⁴⁰	P	P	P	P	P							P ⁵¹					
Dwelling, Duplex¹⁴⁰	P	P	P	P	P	P						P ⁵¹					
Dwelling, Mobile Home¹⁴⁰	P ⁶	P ⁶	P ⁶	P ⁶	P	P									P		
Dwelling, Multiple Family¹⁴⁰					P	P	P	P	P	P		P ⁵¹				P	P
Dwelling, Single Family¹⁴⁰	P	P	P	P	P	P						P ⁵¹			P ⁴		
Dwelling, Townhouse^{5, 140}			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P ⁵¹			P		
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure																	
Electric Vehicle Charging Station - Restricted, Level 1, and Level 2¹²¹	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Electric Vehicle Charging Station - Public, Level 1 and Level 2							P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

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Electric Vehicle Charging Station, Level 3	C ¹²⁰	C ¹²⁰	C ¹²⁰	C ¹²⁰	C ¹²⁰	C ¹²⁰	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Battery Exchange Stations	C ¹²⁰	C ¹²⁰	C ¹²⁰	C ¹²⁰	C ¹²⁰	C ¹²⁰	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Emergency Shelter, Religious-Owned Property¹⁴¹	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Explosives, Storage											P			P			
Fairgrounds											P	P	P	P	P		
Family Day Care Home⁸	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					P		P
Farm Product Processing																	
Up to 5,000 sq ft										P	P			P	P		
Over 5,000 sq ft⁹⁴										A	P			P	P		
Farm Stand																	
Up to 400 sq ft⁹	P	P	P							P	P			P	P		P
401 to 5,000 sq ft⁹⁹																	

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Farmers Market ⁹³							P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P
Fish Farm											P	P	P	P			
Food and Farming Center																	P ¹⁰⁵
Forestry											P		P	P			
Foster Home	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P					P		
Fuel Yard										P	P	P	P	P			
Garage, Detached Private Accessory ⁶⁰																	
Up to 2,400 sq ft	P	P	P	P	P	P					P	P	P	P	P		
2,401 - 4,000 sq ft on More than 3 Acres ^{41, 59}	P	P	P	P	P	P				P	P	P	P				
2,401 - 4,000 sq ft on Less than 3 Acres ^{41, 59}	A	A	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	A				
4,001 sq ft and Greater ^{41, 59}	C	C	C	C	C	C				C	C	C	C				

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Garage, Detached Private Non-accessory⁶⁰																	
Up to 2,400 sq ft	P	P	P	P	P	P					P	P	P	P			
2,401 sq ft and Greater^{41, 59}	C	C	C	C	C	C					C	C	C	C			
Golf Course, Driving Range, and Country Club	C	C	C														
Government Structures & Facilities^{27, 41}	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Greenhouse, Lath House, & Nurseries							P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Guest House⁸⁵	P	P	P		P	P								P			
Hazardous Waste Storage & Treatment Facilities, Offsite⁶⁶											C	C	C	C			
Hazardous Waste Storage & Treatment Facilities, Onsite⁶⁵							P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Health and Social Service Facilities⁹⁰																	

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Level I	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P			P	P	P
Level II ^{41, 129}	C	C	C		C	C	C	P	P	P		P			C	P	P
Level III ¹³⁹						C	P ¹³⁶	P	P	P	P		P	P	C	P	P
Home Occupation ¹¹	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P					P	P	P
Hotel/Motel					C	C	P ¹³⁶	P	P	P		P ⁸⁹				P	P
Kennel, ⁴¹ Commercial ¹²	C	C	C						P	P	P	P	P	P			
Kennel, ⁴¹ Private- Breeding ¹³	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P			
Kennel, ⁴¹ Private- Non-Breeding ¹³	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P	P						
Laboratory							P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Library ⁴¹	C	C	C		C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Lumber Mill											P	P	P	P			
Lumberyard										P	P	P	P	P			

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Manufacturing, Heavy ⁸²											P			P			
Manufacturing-All Other Forms Not Specifically Listed ⁸³											P	P	P	P		P ¹²³	
Marijuana Processing ^{125, 131}											P	P	P	P			
Marijuana Production ^{125, 131}											P	P	P	P			
Marijuana Retail ^{131, 132}							P	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P
Massage Parlor										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Material Recovery Facility ¹³⁴											C		C	C			
Mini Self-Storage							P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Mobile Home Park ³⁸					C	C			C	C					P		
Model Hobby Park ⁷⁵												A	A	A			
Model House/Sales Office	P	P	P	P	P	P											
Motocross Racetrack ¹²⁹										C ¹¹³	C ¹¹³	C ¹¹³	C ¹¹³	C ¹¹³			

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Museum⁴¹	C	C	C		C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Neighborhood Services					A, C ⁸⁶ , 138	A, C ⁸⁶ , 138	P	P	P ⁸⁶	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Office and Banking							P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Park, Public¹⁴	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Park-and-Pool Lot	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Park-and-Ride Lot	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Personal Wireless Service Facilities^{27, 41, 104, 106}	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	C	P ¹¹⁹	P
Printing Plant							P			P	P	P	P	P		P ¹²³	
Race Track^{24, 41, 129}										C	P	P	P	P			
Railroad Right-of-Way	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Recreational Facility Not Otherwise Listed	C	C	C		C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P

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Recreational Vehicle Park									C	C					C		
Recycling Facility ¹³⁷										C	C		C	C			
Rendering of Fat, Tallow, or Lard ¹²⁹											P			P			
Restaurant							P	P	P	P	P ⁴⁹	P ⁴⁹	P	P		P	P
Retail, General					A ¹³⁵	P	P	P	P		P ⁵³	P	P		P	P	
Retirement Apartments				P	P	P	P	P	P	P				P	P	P	
Retirement Housing				P	P	P	P	P	P	P				P	P	P	
Sanitary Landfill ¹²⁹	C	C	C						C	C	C	C	C				
Schools																	
K-12 & Preschool ^{41, 68, 129}	C	C	C		C	C	C ¹³⁶		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
College ^{41, 68}	C	C	C		C	C	C ¹³⁶		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Other ^{41, 68}					C	C	C ¹³⁶		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Service Station ⁴¹							P	P	P ⁸⁶	P			P	P		P	P

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Shooting Range ⁹²											P	P	P	P			
Sludge Utilization ³⁹	C ⁵⁶	C ⁵⁶	C ⁵⁶		C ⁵⁶	C ⁵⁶			C ⁵⁶	C ⁵⁶	C ⁵⁶		C ⁵⁶	P			
Small Animal Husbandry ⁴¹	C ³⁷	C ³⁷	C ³⁷				P		P	P	P	P	P	P			
Small Workshop									P ⁸⁶	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stables	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Stockyard or Slaughter House ¹²⁹										P			P				
Storage, Retail Sales Livestock Feed									P	P			P	P			
Storage Structure, Accessory ⁶⁰																	
Up to 2,400 sq ft	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2,401 - 4,000 sq ft on More than 3 Acres ^{41, 59}	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
2,401 - 4,000 on Less than 3 acres ^{41, 59}	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		

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4,001 sq ft and Greater^{41, 59}	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		
Storage Structure, Non-accessory⁶⁰																	
Up to 2,400 sq ft	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2,401 sq ft and Greater^{41, 59}	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	((G))P	C	C	C	C	C			
Studio⁴¹	C ⁷⁷	C ⁷⁷	C ⁷⁷		C ⁷⁷	C ⁷⁷	P	P	P ⁸⁶	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Supervised Drug Consumption Facility																	
Swimming/Wading Pool^{17, 41}	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Television/Radio Stations												P	P				
Temporary Dwelling During Construction	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A							A	
Temporary Dwelling for Relative¹⁸	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A								
Temporary Residential Sales Coach⁷³	A	A	A												A		

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Transit Center	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ultralight Airpark ²⁰											P						
Utility Facilities, Electromagnetic Transmission & Receiving Facilities ^{27, 129}	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	P ⁸⁶	P	P	P	P	P			
Utility Facilities, Transmission Wires, Pipes & Supports ²⁷	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Utility Facilities-All Other Structures ^{27, 41}	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	P ⁸⁶	P	P	P	P	P	C	P	
Vehicle, Vessel, and Equipment Sales and Rental										P ²³	P			P	P		
Veterinary Clinic					C	C	P	P	P ⁸⁶	P	P	P	P	P		P	
Warehouse									P ¹⁴²		P	P	P	P	P	P ¹²³	
Wholesale Establishment								P	P ⁸⁶	P	P	P	P	P		P ¹²³	
Woodwaste Recycling and											A ⁶³		A ⁶³	A ⁶³			

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Woodwaste Storage																	
All other uses not otherwise mentioned											P	P	P	P			

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P - Permitted Use	A blank box indicates that a use is not allowed in a specific zone.
A - Administrative Conditional Use	Note: Reference numbers within matrix indicate special conditions apply, see SCC 30.22.130.
C - Conditional Use	Check other matrices in this chapter if your use is not listed above.
S - Special Use	

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2 Section 6. Snohomish County Code Section 30.23.010, last amended by Amended
3 Ordinance No. 12-049 on October 3, 2012, is amended to read:
4

5 **30.23.010 Bulk matrices - Purpose, applicability and general provisions.**

6
7 (1) SCC Tables 30.23.030, 30.23.032, 30.23.041, 30.23.043, 30.23.045, and 30.23.047
8 constitute the bulk matrices. The bulk matrices contain the setback, lot coverage, building
9 height, and lot dimension regulations for all zones in unincorporated Snohomish County.
10

11 (2) Additional setback, lot width, and lot area requirements and exceptions are found at SCC
12 30.23.100 through 30.23.260 and chapters 30.34A, 30.41C, 30.41G, 30.42B and 30.67 SCC.
13

14 (3) All lots and structures shall conform to the requirements listed in the bulk matrices, SCC
15 Tables 30.23.030, 30.23.032, 30.23.041, 30.23.043, 30.23.045, and 30.23.047, unless modified
16 elsewhere in this title.
17

18 (4) SCC 30.23.040(41) establishes minimum lot area for the RU zone.
19

20 (5) For design reasons, the director may reduce the property line setbacks established in SCC
21 Tables 30.23.030 and 30.23.032 by up to 25 percent for walls or structures that are 20 feet in
22 length or less; provided that a minimum setback of three feet is maintained.
23

24 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this title, every required setback shall be open and
25 unobstructed from the ground to the sky except for trees and other natural vegetation, eaves,
26 foundations and walls.
27

28 (7) A setback or the open space required around any structure or use shall not be calculated in
29 an adjacent development's setback or open space for a structure or use.
30

31 (8) SCC 30.23.250 establishes the setback requirements for aggregated lots.
32

33 **(9) For the purpose of determining setbacks under Tables 30.23.030 and 30.23.032 only:**
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35 (a) The RI zone shall be considered an industrial zone; and
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37 (b) The RB, CRC, and RFS zones shall be considered commercial zones.
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39 Section 7. Snohomish County Code Section 30.31A.010, last amended by Amended
40 Ordinance No. 09-079 on May 12, 2010, is amended to read:
41

42 **30.31A.010 Purpose and applicability.**
43

44 This chapter regulates development in and establishes zoning criteria for the planned
45 community business (PCB), neighborhood business (NB), business park (BP), ((and)) industrial
46 park (IP) ((zones)), and general commercial (GC) zones. This chapter sets forth procedures and
47 standards to be followed in applying for ((i)) and building in these zones.
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1 Section 8. Snohomish County Code Section 30.31A.020, last amended by Amended
2 Ordinance No. 09-079 on May 12, 2010, is repealed.
3

4 Section 9. Snohomish County Code Section 30.31A.100, last amended by Amended
5 Ordinance No. 12-069 on October 17, 2012, is amended to read:
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7 **30.31A.100 General performance standards.**
8

9 Each planned zone and uses located in the BP, PCB, NB,GC, and IP zones shall comply with
10 the following requirements unless more specific requirements are provided in code:
11

12 (1) *Processes and Equipment.* Processes and equipment employed, and goods processed or
13 sold shall be limited to those which are not objectionable beyond the boundaries of the lot upon
14 which the use is located by reason of offensive odors, dust, smoke, gas, or electronic
15 interference;
16

17 (2) *Development Phases.* Where the proposal contains more than one phase, all development
18 shall occur in a sequence consistent with the phasing plan which shall be presented as an
19 element of the ((preliminary)) official site plan unless revisions are approved by the department;
20

21 (3) *Building Design.* Buildings shall be designed to be compatible with their surroundings, both
22 within and adjacent to the zone;
23

24 (4) *Restrictive Covenants.* Restrictive covenants shall be provided which shall ensure the long-
25 term maintenance and upkeep of landscaping, storm drainage facilities, other private property
26 improvements, and open space areas and facilities. Further, the covenants shall reference the
27 official or binding site plan(s) and indicate their availability at the department, and shall provide
28 that Snohomish County is an additional beneficiary with standing to enforce, and shall preclude
29 the avoidance of performance obligations through lease agreements;
30

31 (5) *Off-street Parking.* Permanent off-street parking shall be in accordance with chapter 30.26
32 SCC, except that parking shall be in accordance with SCC 30.34A.050 when the property is
33 designated Urban Village on the future land use map;
34

35 (6) *Signs.* Signs for business identification or advertising of products ((shall conform to the
36 ~~approved sign design scheme~~)) submitted with the ((final)) official site plan ((, and)) must
37 comply with chapter 30.27 SCC;
38

39 (7) *Noise.* Noise levels generated within the development shall not exceed those established in
40 chapter 10.01 SCC – noise control, or violate other law or regulation relating to noise. Noise of
41 machines and operations shall be muffled so as to not become objectionable due to
42 intermittence or beat frequency, or shrillness; and
43

44 (8) *Landscaping.* General landscaping and open space requirements shall be in accordance
45 with chapter 30.25 SCC.
46

1 Section 10. Snohomish County Code Section 30.31A.120, last amended by Amended
2 Ordinance No. 10-086 on October 20, 2010, is amended to read:

3 **30.31A.120 BP zone performance standards.**

4 In addition to the minimum zoning criteria and general performance standards set forth above,
5 the following are specific performance requirements in the BP zone:

6 (1) No ((uncovered)) outside storage shall be allowed of any products produced or items used
7 in the operation of the business, except vehicles used to transport either raw materials or
8 finished products of the business;

9 (2) No more than 20 percent of the constructed BP zone floor area in any development may be
10 devoted to those accessory retail commercial uses primarily intended to serve the principal BP
11 zone uses;

12 (3) The retail sale of products manufactured on the BP zone site shall be permitted;

13 (4) Prior to the issuance of any building occupancy permits in a BP zone the developer(s) shall
14 either complete all required improvements or the remaining improvements shall be secured with
15 a security device in accordance with SCC 30.84.105; and

16 (5) All outdoor lighting shall conform to the unified architectural lighting scheme for the BP
17 development and shall not:

18 (a) Shine on adjacent properties;

19 (b) Conflict with the readability of traffic control devices; or

20 (c) Rotate or flash.

21 Section 11. Snohomish County Code Section 30.31A.140, added by Ordinance No. 22-
22 014 on May 4, 2022, is amended to read:

23 **30.31A.140 BP zone performance standards for residential development.**

24 The following are specific requirements for development in the BP zone that includes residential
25 uses:

26 (1) The site must be a minimum of 25 contiguous acres under the same ownership or control.

27 (2) The BP zoning on the site must have been in effect prior to the effective date of the
28 ordinance codified in this section.

29 (3) All proposed mixed use development consisting of residential with commercial or industrial
30 uses in the BP zone shall also comply with the following development and design standards:

31 (a) The BP ((preliminary)) official site plan requirements contained in chapter 30.31A
32 SCC shall apply to all portions of the site where development is proposed except that the

provisions of SCC 30.31A.120 shall only apply to areas of the site proposed for commercial or industrial uses and not to areas proposed for residential use.

(b) The setbacks and all other bulk requirements of chapter 30.23 SCC for the MR zone shall apply.

(4) All proposed development in the BP zone consisting of residential uses only shall comply with the ((preliminary)) official site plan requirements of SCC 30.31A.210, and shall also comply with the maximum residential unit yield and all other bulk regulations for the MR zone under chapter 30.23 SCC.

(5) All proposed development in the BP zone that includes residential uses shall comply with the ((final)) official site plan approval requirements pursuant to SCC ((30.31A.300)) 30.31A.210, including conditions of approval, and shall comply with any and all other applicable requirements of the county code.

Section 12. A new section is added to Chapter 30.31A of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.31A.150 GC zone performance standards.

The following are specific requirements for development in the GC zone:

(1) *Screening.* Development shall be permanently screened from adjoining residential properties or residential zones by a wall, fence, or perimeter landscaping between four and seven feet in height. Other screening methods may be employed if approved by the department. No screening shall be required when proposed development abuts existing parks, recreational areas, or when screening is provided by topography or other natural conditions.

(2) *Signing.* No signs shall be permitted on any screening required by this section.

Section 13. Snohomish County Code Section 30.31A.200, last amended by Ordinance No. 20-019 on June 24, 2020, is amended to read:

30.31A.200 Rezone procedures.

((1) *General Procedures.*) Rezone applications for the PCB, BP, GC, and IP zones are considered for approval by the hearing examiner through the normal rezone process, pursuant to chapter 30.42A SCC. ((and require site plan approval as follows:

(a) For sites that are five acres or larger, a preliminary site plan shall be considered for approval by the hearing examiner together with the rezone application. A preliminary site plan is not required for sites less than five acres in size; and

(b) A final plan for construction approval is required for all sites and is reviewed administratively by the department after rezone approval, or when applicable, after rezone and preliminary site plan approval. No development permits shall be issued until a final plan has been approved in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

1 (2) ~~Alternative Procedure - Concurrent Rezone, Short Subdivision or Subdivision, and Final~~
2 ~~Plan. Concurrent applications for rezone, short subdivision or subdivision, and final plans may~~
3 ~~be made. All items required by SCC 30.31A.210 for a preliminary site plan shall be submitted for~~
4 ~~the entirety of the rezone site at the time application is made. The rezone application, short~~
5 ~~subdivision or subdivision, and final plans shall be processed concurrently pursuant to chapter~~
6 ~~30.42A SCC and chapter 30.72 SCC.~~

7
8 (3) ~~County-Initiated Rezone Alternative Procedure for BP, IP, and PCB. When recommended~~
9 ~~by the comprehensive plan, Snohomish County may initiate rezoning to BP, IP, and PCB as part~~
10 ~~of the comprehensive plan implementation process pursuant to chapter 30.73 SCC as a Type 3~~
11 ~~Process. When this alternative is exercised, the provisions of SCC 30.31A.020(1), (2), and (3)~~
12 ~~shall be waived, including the portion that establishes minimum lot size for BP and PCB. Prior to~~
13 ~~development of any BP, IP, or PCB site five acres or larger in size, the developer shall submit a~~
14 ~~preliminary site plan and fees as required by chapter 30.86 SCC for hearing examiner review~~
15 ~~and approval. Prior to the approval of a preliminary site plan the hearing examiner shall hold a~~
16 ~~public hearing conducted pursuant to chapter 30.72 SCC. Notice of the hearing shall be~~
17 ~~provided in accordance with the notice requirements described in SCC 30.72.030.))~~

18
19 Section 14. Snohomish County Code Section 30.31A.210, last amended by Amended
20 Ordinance No. 20-019 on June 24, 2020, is amended to read:

21
22 **30.31A.210 ((Preliminary)) Official site plan.**

23
24 The ((preliminary)) application for an official site plan shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

25
26 (1) *Textual Material.*

27
28 (a) The names and addresses of the developer, land surveyor, engineer, architect,
29 planner, and other professionals involved;

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31 (b) A document satisfactorily assuring unified control through the construction approval
32 stage for the total site;

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34 (c) A description of intended type of uses and operations including timing of
35 development, if phased, and management control;

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37 (d) A statement of intention to formally subdivide the property, if applicable;

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39 (e) A description of proposed building design, including probable exterior finish;

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41 (f) A provision for phasing out nonconforming uses and for removing existing structures
42 or incorporating them into the overall development scheme;

43
44 (g) A statement of landscape maintenance provisions;

45
46 (h) A traffic analysis, when required by the department of public works; and

47
48 (i) The general method proposed to comply with chapter 30.63A SCC.

1 (2) *Graphic Material*. Prints of drawings, the number and scale determined by the department,
2 showing all the following information:

3 (a) A vicinity sketch locating the development;

4 (b) Property boundaries of the development area;

5 (c) All existing structures and improvements within the development area which are to
6 remain;

7 (d) Plans for signing and lighting, including typical entrance treatment and
8 entrance signs;

9 ((d)) (e) Existing streets bounding and/or within the development area;

10 ((e)) (f) ~~((Tentative traffic))~~ Traffic and pedestrian circulation pattern within the
11 development area, showing ~~((intended))~~ proposed street widths;

12 ((f)) (g) ~~((Tentative location))~~ Location of building lots and/or building areas and major
13 areas intended for open space;

14 (h) Typical elevations (side views) of each type of building, including identification of
15 exterior building materials;

16 ((g)) (i) Phasing plan depicting development divisions, if applicable;

17 ((h)) ~~General landscape plan showing areas to be landscaped, proposed plant height,
18 and treatment of existing vegetation;))~~

19 (j) Landscape plan meeting the applicable requirements of the landscape plan submittal
20 checklist, including plant locations and species sizes at planting, together with location
21 and typical side or cross-section view of perimeter fencing or berms, if any;

22 (k) Site contours drawn at five foot intervals, showing both existing and final site
23 locations where different, street layout and identification, size and shape of
24 all building sites and lots, location of buildings, and open space areas with any specific
25 open space activity areas indicated;

26 (l) Plans for stormwater management; and

27 ((l)) (m) Natural drainage courses and probable alterations which will be necessary to
28 handle the expected drainage from the proposal, including low impact development best
29 management practices.

1 Section 15. Snohomish County Code Section 30.31A.220, added by Amended
2 Ordinance No. 02-064 on December 9, 2002, is amended to read:

3 **30.31A.220 Binding site plan (BSP).**

4 (1) An applicant may choose to divide land pursuant to a binding site plan (chapter 30.41D
5 SCC) in conjunction with obtaining approval of ~~((a final))~~ an official site plan in the BP, PCB, NB,
6 GC, or IP ((plan)) zones.

7 (2) All hearing examiner conditions of approval shall appear on the binding site plan and record
8 of survey either in full or by reference to separately recorded covenants, conditions, and
9 restrictions (CCRs).

10 Section 16. Snohomish County Code Section 30.31A.300, last amended by Amended
11 Ordinance No. 07-070 on November 1, 2017, is repealed.

12 Section 17. Snohomish County Code Section 30.31A.310, last amended by Ordinance
13 No. 20-019 on June 24, 2020, is repealed.

14 Section 18. Snohomish County Code Section 30.31A.400, added by Amended
15 Ordinance No. 02-064 on December 9, 2002, is repealed.

16 Section 19. Chapter 30.31B of the Snohomish County Code, last amended by Ordinance
17 No. 20-080 on December 16, 2020, is repealed.

18 Section 20. Snohomish County Code Section 30.70.025, last amended by Amended
19 Ordinance No. 24-065 on December 4, 2024, is amended to read:

20 **30.70.025 Permit Type Classification.**

21 Table 30.70.025 identifies the permit type classification for land use approvals and development
22 activity permit applications subject to a decision under Title 30 SCC.

23 (1) Project permit applications and decisions identified in this section shall be processed
24 according to this chapter and the following:

25 (a) Type 1 applications shall be processed under chapter 30.71 SCC.

26 (b) Type 2 applications shall be processed under chapter 30.72 SCC.

27 (2) Permit types identified in SCC 30.70.015 are not required to comply with chapters 30.71 or
28 30.72 SCC.

29 (3) All procedural requirements found elsewhere in Title 30 SCC continue to apply in addition to
30 requirements identified in this chapter.

Table 30.70.025 Permit Type Classification

Application	Type
Administrative Conditional Use Permit	1
Administrative Site Plans	
• Urban Residential Design Standards	1
• Single Family Detached Unit (under chapter 30.43F SCC)	1
Binding Site Plan	
• Planned Residential Development proposing more than 9 lots	2
• All Others	1
Boundary Line Adjustment	
• When consolidated under SCC 30.41E.020(1)(b)	2
• All Others	1
Building Permits subject to SEPA	1
Code Interpretations	1
Conditional Use Permits	2
Cottage Housing Site Plan	1
Flood Hazard Permits	
• Submitted with another permit application subject to Type 2 processing (Refer to SCC 30.43D.020(3))	2
• All Others	1
Flood Hazard Variances	1
Forest Practices Permits subject to SEPA and Moratorium Lifts under chapter 30.43F SCC ¹	1
Land Disturbing Activity Permits subject to SEPA review under chapter 30.61 SCC, or subject to conditions imposed under chapter 30.32D SCC	1
Land Disturbing Activity Permits issued by the department of public works or the department of conservation and natural resources for land disturbing activity performed under SCC 30.63B.100	1
Official ((or Preliminary)) Site Plans	
• Sites 5 acres or larger in size - BP, IP, or PCB zones ((as required under SCC 30.31A.200))	2
• All Others – BP, NB, IP, PCB, MUC zones	1
• RB, RI, T, RFS, and GC zones not submitted as part of a rezone	1
Planned Residential Development	
• Submitted with another permit application subject to Type 2 processing	2

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Application	Type
• All Others	1
Pre-application Concurrency Determination	1
Preliminary Short Subdivision	
• Where no new public road or public road extension is proposed	1
• Where a new public road or public road extension is proposed	2
Preliminary Subdivision	2
Site-specific Rezones not associated with a legislative process	2
Shoreline	
• Shoreline Substantial Development, Shoreline Conditional Use, or Shoreline Variance, except when SCC 30.44.210(2) applies	1
• Shoreline Substantial Development, Shoreline Conditional Use, or Shoreline Variance under SCC 30.44.210(2)	2
• Substantial Development Permit Rescission	2
Special Use Permit	2
Urban Center Development	Refer to SCC 30.34A.180
Variance	
• Submitted with another permit application subject to Type 2 processing (Refer to SCC 30.43B.020(2))	2
• All Others	1

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2 1 Forest Practices Permits submitted concurrently with a Type 2 permit are required to be
3 consolidated under SCC 30.43F.100(2).

4
5 Section 21. Snohomish County Code Section 30.70.050, last amended by Amended
6 Ordinance No. 24-087 on December 11, 2024, is amended to read:

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8 **30.70.050 Notice of application - timing and method.**

9
10 (1) The department shall provide notice of application within 14 days after a determination that
11 the application is procedurally complete as specified in SCC Table 30.70.050(5). Required
12 notice shall be given in accordance with SCC 30.70.045.

13
14 (2) A notice of application posted or published in the official county newspaper or provided by
15 mail on a letter/legal size publication shall include the following information:

16
17 (a) Date of application, date of completeness determination, and date of notice of
18 application;

19
20 (b) Project description, list of permits requested, assigned county file number, and county
21 contact person;

- (c) Any information or studies requested by the department;
- (d) Any other required permits not included in the application, to the extent known by the department;
- (e) Any existing environmental documents that evaluate the proposed project, including where they can be inspected;
- (f) The date, time, place, and type of public hearing, if applicable and if scheduled at the time of the notice;
- (g) When notice is for a rezone action or development in a performance standard zone, a statement indicating where the full text and/or map of the rezone action may be inspected;
- (h) A statement of when the comment period ends and the right of any person to comment on the application, receive notice of and participate in any hearings, request a copy of the decision once made, and any appeal procedures;
- (i) If determined at the time of notice, those development regulations that will be used for project mitigation or to review consistency; and
- (j) Any other information determined appropriate by the department.

Mailed notice of application may be provided on a post card.

A post card notice shall contain the following information:

- (a) project description;
- (b) project file number;
- (c) project location;
- (d) type of project;
- (e) applicable comment dates and notice of where to submit comments;
- (f) date the notice of application was published in the official county newspaper;
- (g) website address providing access to project information; and
- (h) a department contact.

Table 30.70.050(5) Notice of Application Requirements

Application Type	Post	Publish	Mail
Administrative Conditional Use	X	X	X
Binding Site Plan	X	X	X
Building and land disturbing activity permits unless exempt from SEPA as minor new construction under SCC 30.61.035(1)	X	X	X
Code interpretation not related to a specific project		X	
Code interpretation related to a specific project	X	X	X
Final Subdivision		[see SCC 30.41A.600 through 30.41A.730]	
Flood Hazard Permit - except as provided in SCC 30.43C.020			X
Flood Hazard Variance	X	X	X
SEPA threshold determination and EIS adequacy associated with project permit	X	X	X
Shoreline variance, conditional use, or substantial development permit or permit rescission	X	X	X
Short subdivision and rural cluster short subdivision	X	X	X
Variance	X	X	X
Conditional use and major revision	X	X	X
Preliminary subdivision and rural cluster subdivision, and major revision	X	X	X
Planned Residential Development and major revision	X	X	X

Application Type	Post	Publish	Mail
Official site plan ((or preliminary plan)) approval in performance standard zones (BP, PCB, IP, GC, T, RB, CRC, RFS, and RI)	X	X	X
Rezone - site specific	X	X	X
Review or revocation of a permit or approval pursuant to SCC 30.71.027	X	X	X
Preapplication Concurrency Decision	X	X	X
Any non-listed Type 1 or Type 2 permit application except Boundary Line Adjustments pursuant to SCC 30.41E.020(1)(c)	X	X	X

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2 Section 22. Snohomish County Code Section 30.70.140, last amended by Amended
3 Ordinance No. 24-065 on December 4, 2024, is amended to read:
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5 **30.70.140 Expiration of applications, approvals, and permits.**

6
7 (1) This section shall apply to:
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9 (a) New applications, approvals, and permits set forth in SCC Table 30.70.140(1); and
10
11 (b) Existing applications set forth in SCC Table 30.70.140(1) that were deemed complete
12 but that were not approved or denied prior to April 1, 2016, provided that the department
13 shall provide notice to the applicant one year prior to the expiration date of the application.
14

15 (2) SCC Table 30.70.140(1) establishes the expiration period for applications, approvals, and
16 permits, except that:
17

18 (a) When an EIS is required, the expiration period of an application will be suspended until
19 the FEIS is issued. The suspension of the expiration period for an application shall not
20 exceed 18 months unless approved by the director; and
21
22 (b) Expiration of permits and approvals (but not of applications) may be modified by the
23 hearing examiner at the time the hearing examiner issues a decision on the application for
24 the permit or approval.
25

26 (3) The applicant is responsible for monitoring the expiration periods for an application,
27 approval, or permit. The county is not required to inform an applicant when an application,
28 approval, or permit will expire or has expired.
29

1 (4) For minor revisions under SCC 30.70.210 and major revisions under SCC 30.70.220, the
2 term of expiration for an application shall be 12 months and shall not extend the term of the
3 corresponding development application approval or concurrency determination.

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5 **Table 30.70.140(1)**

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Approval Type	Expiration of application	Expiration of approval or permit
Administrative Conditional Use Permit	36 months	5 years to commence construction or use
Administrative Conditional Use Permit – Temporary Dwelling During Construction	12 months	As determined in decision
Administrative Conditional Use Permit - Temporary Dwelling For Relative	12 months	Shall be subject to annual renewal
Administrative Conditional Use Permit - Other Temporary Uses	12 months	As determined in decision
Administrative Site Plan (pursuant to chapter 30.23A SCC)	36 months	5 years to commence construction or use
Binding Site Plan	36 months	6 months to record
Boundary Line Adjustment	12 months	12 months to record. The department may grant up to one 12-month extension.
Building Permit	Per subtitle 30.5 SCC	Per subtitle 30.5 SCC
Conditional Use Permit	36 months	5 years to commence construction or use
Cottage Housing (pursuant to chapter 30.41G SCC)	36 months	5 years to commence construction or use
Flood Hazard Permit & Flood Hazard Variance	18 months, but may be extended for an additional 18 months. ⁽¹⁾	18 months from the date of issuance. Start of construction, as defined in SCC 30.91S.570, must commence within 180 days.

Approval Type	Expiration of application	Expiration of approval or permit
Forest Practices (Class IV-General)	18 months	36 months
Land Disturbing Activity	18 months, but may be extended for an additional 18 months. ⁽²⁾	36 months
	36 months, for Snohomish County Department of Public Works projects only	60 months, for Snohomish County Department of Public Works projects only
Official Site Plan and Site Plans (pursuant to chapters 30.31A ((, 30.31B)) and <u>30.31G SCC</u>)	36 months	5 years to commence construction or use
Planned Residential Development	36 months	5 years to commence construction or use
Pre-application Concurrency Determination	6 months	Per SCC 30.66B.155
Rezones	36 months	Not applicable
Shoreline Conditional Use Permit	36 months	Per chapter 30.44 SCC
Shoreline Substantial Development Permit	36 months	Per chapter 30.44 SCC
Single Family Detached Units	36 months	5 years to commence construction or use
Special Use Permit (pursuant to chapter 30.42F SCC)	36 months	5 years to commence construction or use
Subdivisions	48 months	Per RCW 58.17.140, except that:

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Approval Type	Expiration of application	Expiration of approval or permit
		May be extended for an additional two years. ⁽³⁾
Short Subdivisions	48 months	60 months, except that:
		May be extended for an additional two years. ⁽⁴⁾
Urban Center Development	36 months	5 years to commence construction or use
Variance	36 months	Not applicable

Reference notes for SCC Table 30.70.140(1):

1 The department may grant a one-time 18-month extension. The applicant must submit the extension request to the department prior to the expiration. The applicant shall pay a fee for the extension pursuant to SCC 30.86.300.

2 The department may grant a one-time 18-month extension. The applicant must submit the extension request to the department prior to the expiration. The applicant shall pay a fee for the extension pursuant to SCC 30.86.510.

3 The department may grant a one-time two-year extension. The applicant must submit the extension request to the department prior to the expiration. The applicant shall pay a fee for the extension pursuant to SCC 30.86.100.

4 The department may grant a one-time two-year extension. The applicant must submit the extension request to the department prior to the expiration. The applicant shall pay a fee for the extension pursuant to SCC 30.86.110.

Section 23. Snohomish County Code Section 30.70.300, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 24-065 on December 4, 2024, is amended to read:

30.70.300 Vesting of applications.

The purpose of this section is to implement local vesting regulations that are best suited to the needs of the county and consistent with state law. This section is intended to provide property owners, permit applicants, and the general public assurance that the regulations for project development will remain consistent during the life of an application. This section is modified by SCC 30.70.310.

(1) Except for rezones, an application for a permit or approval type set forth in SCC Table 30.70.140(1) shall be considered under the development regulations in effect on the date a complete application is filed, pursuant to SCC 30.70.040. Provided, that projects under the authority of the director of the department of public works, the county engineer, or the director of the department of conservation and natural resources pursuant to SCC 30.63B.100 shall vest

1 as of the date the county engineer or the surface water management engineering manager
2 approves a design report or memorandum for the project.

3
4 (2) Building permit or land disturbing activity permit applications that are subsequent and
5 related to the development identified in an application listed in SCC 30.70.300(2)(a) through (n),
6 shall vest to the development regulations in effect at the time a complete application listed in
7 SCC 30.70.300(2)(a) through (n) is filed pursuant to SCC 30.70.040.

8
9 (a) Administrative conditional use permit;
10
11 (b) Administrative site plan (pursuant to chapter 30.23A SCC);
12
13 (c) Binding site plan;
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15 (d) Conditional use permit;
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17 (e) Official site plan and site plan (pursuant to chapters 30.31A ((,30.31B)) and 30.31G
18 SCC);
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20 (f) Planned residential development;
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22 (g) Shoreline conditional use permit;
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24 (h) Shoreline substantial development permit;
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26 (i) Single family detached units;
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28 (j) Special use permits (pursuant to chapter 30.42F SCC);
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30 (k) Short subdivision;
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32 (l) Subdivision;
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34 (m) Urban center development;
35
36 (n) Cottage housing (pursuant to chapter 30.41G SCC).

37 However, a complete application for any subsequent application must be submitted prior to
38 the expiration date of the permit(s) or approval(s) applied for in the application types listed
39 in this subsection.

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41 (3) For the purpose of this section, "development regulation" means those provisions of Title
42 30 SCC that exercise a restraining or directing influence over land, including provisions that
43 control or affect the type, degree, or physical attributes of land development or use. For the
44 purpose of this section, "development regulation" does not include fees listed in Title 30 SCC or
45 procedural regulations.

46
47 (4) A complete building permit application shall always be subject to that version of subtitle
48 30.5 SCC in effect at the time the building permit application is submitted.

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2 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, any application dependent on approval
3 of a rezone application shall not vest until the underlying rezone is approved.
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5 Section 24. Snohomish County Code Section 30.86.200, last amended by Amended
6 Ordinance No. 12-018 on May 2, 2012, is amended to read:
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8 **30.86.200 Rezone and official site plan fees.**
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10 **Table 30.86.200 Rezone and Official Site Plan Fees**
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		FEES ^{(1), (2)}				
PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE						
Application fee			\$480			
((FINAL PLAN FILING FEE (fractions rounded to the next highest acre)))						
((Chapter 30.31A.SCC.BP, IP, PCB Zones \$50/acre))						
OFFICIAL SITE PLAN⁽³⁾						
Application fee			\$1,440			
Minor revision request ((administrative)) ⁽⁴⁾			\$780			
	Major revision request ((public hearing)) ⁽⁴⁾			\$1,248		
REZONE TYPE	Rezone Area Acreage					
	0-<3	3-<10	10-<30	30-<200	200-<500	500+
COMMERCIAL (All Commercial Zones)						
Base fee	\$5,400	\$5,940	\$7,740	\$15,840	\$24,840	\$33,840
Plus \$ per acre	\$960	\$720	\$480	\$120	\$60	\$36
INDUSTRIAL (All Industrial Zones)						
Base fee	\$7,200	\$7,740	\$9,540	\$17,640	\$35,640	\$58,140
Plus \$ per acre	\$1,080	\$840	\$600	\$240	\$120	\$60
MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (LDMR & MR Zones)						
Base fee	\$5,400	\$5,670	\$6,570	\$11,970	\$38,970	\$47,970
Plus \$ per acre	\$720	\$600	\$480	\$240	\$60	\$36
ALL OTHER RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURE, RECREATION & MC Zones						
Base fee	\$1,140	\$1,170	\$2,070	\$3,420	\$5,220	\$9,720

ORDINANCE NO. 26-002

RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF USES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES; AMENDING CHAPTERS 30.31A AND 30.31B AND SECTIONS 30.21.025, 30.22.100, 30.23.010, 30.70.025, 30.70.050, 30.70.140, 30.70.300, AND 30.86.200 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

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Section 25. Severability and Savings. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall be held invalid by the Growth Management Hearings Board, or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance. Provided, however, that if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid by the Board or court of competent jurisdiction, then the section, sentence, clause, or phrase in effect prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be in full force and effect for that individual section, sentence, clause, or phrase as if this ordinance had never been adopted.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

Council Chair

ATTEST:

Asst. Clerk of the Council

DATE:

County Executive

ATTEST:

Approved as to form only:

Tamal Chinkin
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

12/5/25

City of Rockwall, Texas
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