



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Planning & Community Development      **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman  
**ECAF:** 2022-0665  
**Proposal:** Proposed Ordinance 22-028      **Date:** August 16 2022

### **Consideration**

Proposed Ordinance 22-028 would adopt several technical amendments to maps and text in the Snohomish County Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) and make related changes in Title 10 Snohomish County Code (SCC). GMA allows jurisdictions to update their plans only once per year, and ordinance 22-028 includes Snohomish County's annual housekeeping amendments.

Amendment Sheet 1 would include additional map changes to reflect a recent annexation.

The requested action is to move Ordinance 22-028 and Amendment Sheet 1 to GLS August 24 to set time and date for a public hearing. Under SCC 2.48.025 amendments to the comprehensive plan require an evening hearing unless the changes are an emergency. Since the proposed changes are housekeeping in nature, no emergency exists, and an evening hearing will be required. Timing of that hearing would be discussed on August 24.

Steve Skorney from PDS is in attendance and is prepared with a presentation providing additional details.

### **Background and Analysis**

As part of its typical annual work program, Planning and Development Services (PDS) has identified the need for several housekeeping changes in the GMACP and in implementing development regulations. With rare exceptions, the Growth Management Act (GMA) only allows the county to update the GMACP once per year ([RCW 36.70A.130](#)). PDS has thus combined several housekeeping changes into one ordinance described as technical corrections. These include:

- Recognizing five municipal annexations on several maps in the GMACP (including Amendment Sheet 1)

- Adjusting the Stanwood Urban Growth Area (UGA) to match parcel lines and a recent annexation, reducing its size by 0.38 acres
- Updating references in policy text to Snohomish County Parks & Recreation
- Eliminating references to the discontinued Freeway Service zone in Title 10 SCC

The County Council separately reviewed four of the five annexations and did not oppose them. The fifth, Town of Darrington Airport Way Annexation, was a small municipal purpose annexation exempt from County Council review per [RCW 35.13.172](#). All five annexations have already taken effect.<sup>1</sup> Updating the maps in the comprehensive plan constitutes a plan amendment and therefore requires the current action to formally update the comprehensive plan. The Stanwood Kottsick annexation was too recent to be part of the Planning Commission recommendation, thus PDS has prepared Amendment Sheet 1 to reflect it on several updated maps in the Planning Commission's recommendation.

The proposed change to the Stanwood UGA would reduce it by 0.38 acres to meet the new city boundary established by the Kottsick annexation. The annexation matched current parcel boundaries, but the UGA does not, taking in a sliver of land attached to a large parcel that is mostly out of the UGA. The UGA reduction matches parcels and the city limits.

The GMACP includes several references to Snohomish County Parks & Recreation (Parks) which was previously its own department but is now a division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Several proposed amendments would refer to the Parks *division* instead of the Parks *department*.

The Freeway Service zone is no longer in use. Previous County Council actions have removed references from both the GMACP and Title 30 SCC. However, there are still references to Freeway Service zoning in Title 10 SCC. The related amendments would remove remaining references in county code.

### **Current Proposal**

*Summary:* The proposed ordinance would amend text and maps in the GMACP and Title 10. Amendment Sheet 1 would include a recent annexation in the map changes.

*Fiscal Implications:* None

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<sup>1</sup> These are: 1) City of Arlington Lindsay Annexation (Motion 22-009)  
 2) Town of Darrington Cummings Annexation (Motion 22-010)  
 3) Town of Darrington Airport Way Annexation (Town of Darrington Ord. No. 764)  
 4) City of Monroe Woodlands Annexation (Motion 21-386)  
 5) City of Stanwood Kottsick Annexation (Motion 22-107)

*Scheduling:* Per [Charter Section 2.60](#) and [SCC 2.48.025](#), amendments to the GMACP require an evening hearing.

**Handling:** NORMAL

**Risk Management:** APPROVE

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE

**Request:** Move to General Legislative Session August 24 to set time and date for a public hearing.