

1 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
2 Snohomish County, Washington

3
4 ORDINANCE NO. 25-XXX

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6 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING REGULATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL
7 VEHICLES IN UNINCORPORATED SNOHOMISH COUNTY, CREATING A NEW
8 CHAPTER IN TITLE 11
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11 BE IT ORDAINED:

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13 **Section 1.** A new chapter is added to title 11 of the Snohomish County Code to
14 read:

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16 **Chapter 11.06**

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18 **Parking regulations for recreational vehicles**

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20 Sections:

- 21 11.06.010 Purpose and applicability.
22 11.06.020 Definitions.
23 11.06.030 Parking time limits for recreational vehicles on public roads.
24 11.06.040 Exceptions.
25 11.06.050 Impoundment authorization.
26 11.06.060 Impoundment after notice.
27 11.06.070 Post impoundment procedure.
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29 **11.06.010 Purpose and applicability.**

30 The purpose of this chapter is to provide regulations for recreational vehicle parking
31 on public roads within unincorporated Snohomish County.
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33 **11.06.020 Definitions.**

34 The following words and phrases shall have the following designated meaning
35 unless a different meaning is expressly provided:

36 "Public road" shall have the same meaning as defined in SCC 13.02.350.

37 "Recreational vehicle" means a travel trailer, motor home, truck camper, or camping
38 trailer that is permanently designed and used as living quarters, is either self-propelled or
39 mounted on or drawn by another vehicle, is transient, and is not permanently affixed to a
40 mobile home lot.
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42 **11.06.030 Parking time limit for recreational vehicles on public roads.**

43 (1) No person shall park or store any recreational vehicle on any public road within
44 unincorporated Snohomish County for a period in excess of seventy-two (72) hours unless
45 an official posted sign provides a shorter period of time, or unless otherwise provided by
46 law.

47 (2) If after a recreational vehicle has exceeded the seventy-two (72) hour limit and
48 received notice of violation, the recreational vehicle is re-parked on the same street within

1 350 feet of the original location, it shall be considered to be parked in the same location
2 within the street and still in violation of the seventy-two (72) hour parking restriction.

3 (3) If a recreational vehicle is found stopped, parked, or standing on any public road
4 in violation of this section, proof of the violation together with proof that the individual was at
5 the time of such violation the registered owner of such recreational vehicle, shall constitute
6 in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the recreational vehicle
7 was the person who parked or placed the recreational vehicle at the point where, and for
8 the time during which, such violation occurred.

9 (4) It is not necessary that restricted parking or other traffic signs be erected for the
10 purpose of enforcing this section.

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12 **11.06.040 Exceptions.**

13 This chapter is not applicable in areas where parking for an excess of seventy-two
14 hours has been allowed in Snohomish County Code or Revised Code of Washington.

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16 **11.06.050 Impoundment authorization.**

17 A recreational vehicle parked on any public road in violation of this ordinance is
18 subject to impoundment in accordance with this chapter by a law enforcement officer.

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20 **11.06.060 Impoundment after notice.**

21 (1) A law enforcement officer discovering a recreational vehicle parked or stored in
22 violation of this chapter shall attach to the recreational vehicle a readily visible notification
23 sticker containing the information required by RCW 46.55.085(1).

24 (2) If the recreational vehicle has current Washington registration plates, the officer
25 shall check the records to learn the identity of the last owner of record. The officer or
26 Sheriff's Office shall make a reasonable effort to contact the owner by telephone in order to
27 give the owner the information on the notification sticker. The law enforcement officer is
28 encouraged to attempt to provide information on available support services to an owner or
29 known occupant.

30 (3) If the recreational vehicle is not removed within seventy-two (72) hours from the
31 time the notification sticker is attached, the law enforcement officer may authorize the
32 impoundment of the recreational vehicle. The law enforcement officer authorizing the
33 impound must provide a signed authorization to tow and impound to the registered tow truck
34 operator before the operator may proceed with the impound.

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36 **11.06.070 Post impoundment procedure**

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38 The procedure for notice, redemption, and contesting the validity of an impoundment
39 shall be in accordance with chapter 46.55 RCW.

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41 PASSED this __ day of ____, 2025.

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43 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
44 Snohomish County, Washington

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48 Chairperson
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Asst. Clerk of the Council

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County Executive

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney