



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning & Community Development **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman
ECAF: 2021-0663
Proposal: Proposed Motion 21-297 **Date:** August 31, 2021

Consideration

Proposed Motion 21-297 would refer proposed code revisions relating to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to the department of Planning and Development Services (PDS) and Snohomish County Planning Commission.

Background

On July 20, 2021, the Planning & Community Development Committee received public comment and discussed regulations for ADUs. The specific possible revisions to code discussed were (1) whether detached ADUs should be allowed on substandard lots in rural areas, and (2) whether the requirement applicable to most detached ADUs in rural areas that the new unit be within 100 feet of the primary dwelling should remain in effect. Council provided staff with direction to prepare an ordinance allowing substandard lots in rural areas and removing the 100-foot requirement. Staff has prepared such an ordinance. The proposed motion would refer the ordinance to the Snohomish County Planning Commission in order to obtain a recommendation from the Commission.

Current Proposal

Summary: The motion would refer a proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission in order for the County Council to obtain a recommendation related to proposed changes to regulations on Accessory Dwelling Units.

Effective Date: Date of passage

Fiscal Implications: None

Scope: Movement of a motion to refer a proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: N/A

Risk Management: TBD

Executive Recommendation: TBD

Analysis

An affirmative vote on the motion would refer the proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission. This would allow the County Council to receive a recommendation back from the Commission prior to considering further action.

Request

Move to GLS for council to consider taking action.