



Committee of the Whole

Deb Bell

Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2026-1918

Ordinance: 26-037

Type:

☐ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☒ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☐ Other

Requested Handling:

☐ Normal

☐ Expedite

☒ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

☐ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☒ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Subject: Snohomish County Code Amendments to Title 30.

Scope: The proposed code amendments are to update Snohomish County Code with the state amended and adopted 2021 International Codes. The proposed amendments also delete redundant code.

Code Section	Proposed Change
30.55	Cross-references to the International Fire Code (IFC), the International Wildland Urban Interface Code (WUI), and the International Green Construction Code (IgCC).
30.52A	Adopts the 2021 International Building Code (IBC).
30.52B	Adopts the 2021 International Mechanical Code (IMC).
30.52D	Adopts the 2021 Washington State Energy Code.
30.52E	Adopts the 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code.
30.52F	Adopts the 2021 International Residential Code (IRC).
30.53A	Adopt 2021 IFC and delete redundant language.
30.53D	Adopt the 2021 WUI.
30.53E	Adopt IgCC on a voluntary basis for developers.

Authority Granted: RCW 19.27 mandates that the Washington State Building Code be administered and enforced by counties and cities, and grants counties and cities limited authority to amend the code as it applies within their jurisdictions.

Background: The International Code Council published their 2021 International Codes, and the Washington State Building Code Council adopted the 2021 ICC, with amendments, with an effective date of March 15, 2024.

The State Building Code are model codes that set the minimum standard for new construction to promote the health, safety and welfare of occupants or users of buildings and structures, including the general public.

Requested Action: For Council to move the ordinance to GLS on August 19th, 2026, to set time and date for public hearing, on September 9th, 2026, at the hour of 10:30 am.