

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Snohomish County Council will hold a public hearing to consider Ordinance 25-067 on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., in the Jackson Board Room, 8th Floor, Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA, in conjunction with a remote meeting via the following Zoom link:

Zoom Webinar Information:

Join Online: <https://zoom.us/j/94846850772> or by Phone: (253) 215-8782
Meeting ID: 948 4685 0772

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-067

RELATING TO RIGHT-OF-WAY USE PERMITS; ADDING AND AMENDING FEES AND
PERMIT TYPES; AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.02, 13.30, 13.40, 13.50, 13.60, 13.70, 13.80,
AND 13.110 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

Summary: The proposed ordinance amends Title 13 of the Snohomish County Code (SCC) to update non-land development right-of-way (ROW) use permit types, conditions, and fees; adding new permits for data collection devices (e.g. license plate readers) and utility franchise pre-designs; and establishing a utility ROW use fee as a condition for franchise agreements. A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

Permit Fee Increases to Recover Costs

Department of Public Works (DPW) recently completed a cost of service analysis for non-land development Title 13 permits to ensure the new fees cover the costs to issue and manage these permits. Most Title 13 fees for non-land development ROW use permits have not been revised since 1991. In 2024, the County only recovered approximately 34% of the costs for these permits, which is approximately \$770,000 less annually than the cost to review/execute those permits. The ordinance increases non-land development fees to recover the total cost of reviewing and executing these permits, and institutes a 3% annual fee increase to help keep up with inflation.

Other Permit Process and Condition Improvements

The ordinance makes corrections for permit types that have out-of-date names, lack conditions, or have other issues related to how permits are processed that can create confusion.

Permits for Overweight Vehicle Road Usage

Existing permits for overweight vehicles (Type B2) authorize overweight vehicles to use county roads but currently rely on a flat fee. The ordinance recommends incorporating Washington State Department of Transportation's graduated fee table that is based on the excess vehicle weight per mile.

Permits for Road Closures for Non-Profit Runs/Parades

Existing permits for road closures for non-profit runs/parades (Type A) permits currently are a flat fee for all events. The ordinance recommends a separate rate for small events and large events, and an additional fee for events involving a bridge closure.

Data Collection (License Plate Reader) Permits

The ordinance recommends a new permit type for data collection devices installed within the public ROW and establishes fees and conditions for those permits.

Utility Pre-Design Review

The ordinance recommends a new permit fee and process for utility pre-design reviews, as required by the County's Engineering Design and Development Standards.

At the Public Hearing, the Council may consider amendments to the proposed ordinance.


For More Information: Copies of the proposed ordinance and related documents are available upon request by calling the Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1(800) 562-4367 x3494, TDD 1(800) 877-8339, or by e-mailing Contact.Council@snoco.org. Files are also available on the Council's website at <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx> (File # 2025-3274).

Public Testimony: The public may testify in person or remotely. Submit written testimony to Snohomish County Council, 3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201, or e-mail to contact.council@snoco.org. Submitting written testimony 24 hours prior to the hearing will ensure copies are distributed to the Council and appropriate staff in advance of the hearing.

American with Disabilities Act Notice: Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please contact Elena Lao one week prior to the hearing at (425) 388-3494, 1(800) 562-4367 x3494, TDD 1(800) 877-8339, or by e-mail elena.lao@snoco.org.


Dated this 14th day of November, 2025.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council

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