



Community Safety and Justice

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Council Initiated:

☒ Yes – CM Nehring

☐ No

ECAF:

2025-0880

2025-0881

Motion:

25-021

25-022

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: Parking Regulations in Unincorporated Snohomish County

Scope: There are two Ordinances before you:

Ordinance 25-021 would add a new section to Code, Chapter 11.06, establishing parking regulations for recreational vehicles. The new section of code would prohibit recreational vehicle's from parking on public road's and right of ways, in unincorporated Snohomish County *without moving* for more than 72 hours. If the vehicle violates this time restriction, a notice will be put on the vehicle and they will have an additional 72 hours to move. If the recreational vehicle hasn't moved after the additional 72 hours from notice of violation, the law enforcement officer may have it towed at their discretion.

Ordinance 25-022 would amend existing code, SCC 4.121, for the Nuisance Property Abatement Fund, so money under this fund could also be used to cover costs the Sheriff's Office could incur through the abatement/impoundment of recreational vehicles in violation of SCC 11.06.

Duration: n/a

Fiscal Impact: ☒ Current Year ☒ Multi-Year ☐ N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Fund 100	***	***	***	***	***	***
Total's	0	0	0	0	0	0

Revenue	Current Year	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Total's	0	0	0	0	0	0

Authority Granted: n/a

Background: [SCC 1.01.030](#) requires all code changes be adopted by the County Council through ordinance as provided by [Section 2.100](#) of the Snohomish County Charter.

Requested Action: Move to GLS to set time and date for a Public Hearing.

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Sectional Analysis

Ord. 25-021 Parking Restriction

Section 11.06.010 – Purpose and applicability

- Purpose: to regulate parking of recreational vehicles on public roads in unincorporated Snohomish County.

Section 11.06.020 - Definitions

- Defines “public road” as in SCC 13.02.350 and provides a definition for “recreational vehicle”.

Section 11.06.030 – Parking time limits for recreational vehicles on public roads

- Prohibits recreational vehicles from parking on county roads in Unincorporated Snohomish County for more than 72 hours without moving (unless otherwise permitted by law or a sign).
- Provides parameters for what it means to move a recreational vehicle – must move more than 350 feet from its original location.

Section 11.06.040 - Exceptions

- Provides an exception to this rule when parking in excess of 72 hours has been allowed by County code or State law.

Section 11.06.050 – Impoundment authorization

- This section allows for the impoundment process to begin after the recreational vehicle has been found in violation of this chapter.

Section 11.06.060 – Impoundment after notice

- This section outlines the process from violation to physical impoundment:
 - Step 1: LE officer shall put a noticeable notification sticker on the RV containing the information required under [state law](#).
 - Step 2: To the extent possible, the LE officer will try to identify the last owner of the vehicle and make a reasonable effort to contact them by phone.
 - Step 3: LE officer is encouraged to provide information on available support services to the registered owner or known occupant of the vehicle.

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- Step 4: If the vehicle is not moved (more than 350 feet from original location), within 72 hours from the notice being put on the vehicle (step 1), the LE office *may* have the vehicle impounded.

Section 11.06.070 – Post impoundment procedure

- Once the vehicle is impounded notice, redemption, and contesting the impoundment is done as stipulated in [chapter 46.55 RCW](#).

Ord. 25-022

Nuisance Property Fund

Section 4.121.010 – Creation and purpose

- Amends the fund name and purpose by removing the word abatement and property abatement, and tying in the new chapter 11.06 SCC under the purpose.

Section 4.120.020 – Sources of resources

- Removes abatement from the text and adds chapter 11.06 SCC.

Section 4.120.030 – Administration of fund

- Removes abatement from the text.