

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Snohomish County Council will hold a public hearing on December 3, 2025, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. and continuing thereafter as necessary, in the Henry M. Jackson Room, 8th Floor, Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett, Washington, in conjunction with a remote meeting platform via the following Zoom link, to consider proposed Ordinance No. 25-057, titled: RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; REVISING REGULATIONS CONCERNING URBAN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AMENDING CHAPTERS 30.23, 30.23A, AND 30.91S OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE.

Zoom Webinar Information:

Join online at <https://zoom.us/j/94846850772>
or by telephone call 1-253-215 8782 or 1-301-715 8592

Background: This ordinance amends Snohomish County Code (SCC) 30.23A.100 to update the approval criteria and review process for Urban Residential Design Standards (URDS) site plan applications. Consistent with other Type 1 applications, this ordinance amends the review criteria in Chapter 30.23A SCC for URDS site plan applications to include compliance with all of Title 30 SCC not just Subtitle 30.2 SCC. The ordinance also streamlines the permitting process by requiring consolidated review of URDS site plan applications with concurrently submitted Type 2 applications and removes a reference to non-consolidated hearings of concurrent Type 2 development decisions by the Hearing Examiner. A summary of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

Sections 1 – 3. Adopts recitals, findings of fact, conclusions, and states that the County Council bases its findings and conclusions on the entire record.

Section 4. Amends reference notes for SCC Tables 30.23.030 and 30.23.032 to replace the term ‘stepback’ with ‘setback’ and to clarify setback distances in Figure 30.23.040(59).

Section 5. Amends SCC Section 30.23.049 reference notes for SCC Tables 30.23.041 through 30.23.047 to replace the term ‘stepback’ with ‘setback’.

Section 6. Amends SCC 30.23A.020 to replace ‘single family’ with ‘single-family’ and adds in reference to SCC chapter 30.31 for urban residential design standards.

Section 7. Amends SCC Table 30.23A.030(2) to clarify detached single-family dwellings and updates technical housekeeping language in table footnotes.

Section 8. Amends SCC 30.23A.040 through replacing roadway terms with ‘road network element’, replace ‘subdivision’ with ‘development’, and clarifies technical housekeeping code language.

Section 9. Amends SCC 30.23A.050 to clarify technical housekeeping code language and removes reference to the Snohomish County Residential Design Manual.

Section 10. Amends SCC 30.23A.060 to remove reference to the Snohomish County Residential Design Manual and clarifies technical housekeeping code language.

Section 11. Amends SCC 30.23A.080 to clarify SCC Table 30.23A.080(2) to better define on-side recreation space requirements and clarifies technical housekeeping code language.

Section 12. Amends SCC .91S.160 to better define the term 'setback'.

Section 13. Repeals SCC 30.91S.455.

Section 14. Provides a standard severability and savings clause.

The Council may also consider other amendments.

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State Environmental Policy Act: Requirements with respect to this non-project action have been satisfied through the completion of an environmental checklist and the issuance of a determination of non-significance on March 11, 2025. Copies of all applicable SEPA documents are available at the office of the County Council.

Where to Get Copies of the Proposed Ordinance: Copies of the full ordinance and other documentation are available upon request by calling the County Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1-(800) 562-4367x3494, TDD (425) 388-3700 or by e-mailing contact.council@snoco.org.

Website Access: This ordinance and other documents can be accessed through the Council websites at: <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/2134/County-Hearings-Calendar>.

Range of Possible Actions the County Council May Take on This Proposal: At the conclusion of its public hearing(s), the County Council may make one of the following decisions regarding the proposed actions: (1) adopt the proposed ordinance; (2) adopt an amended version of the proposed ordinance; (3) decline to adopt the proposed ordinance; (4) adopt such other proposals or modification of such proposals as were considered by the County Council at its own hearing; or (5) take any other action permitted by law.

Public Testimony: Anyone interested may testify concerning the above-described matter at the time and place indicated above or by remote participation in the meeting. The County Council may continue the hearing to another date to allow additional public testimony thereafter, if deemed necessary. Written testimony is encouraged and may be sent to the office of the Snohomish County Council at 3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201; faxed to (425) 388-3496 or e-mailing contact.council@snoco.org. Submitting public comments 24 hours prior to the hearing will ensure that comments are provided to the Council and appropriate staff in advance of the hearing.

Party of Record: You may become a party of record on this matter by sending a written request to the Clerk of the County Council at the above address, testifying at the public hearing, or entering your name and address on a register provided for that purpose at the public hearing.

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice: Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon request. Please make arrangements one week prior to the hearing by calling Lisa Hickey at (425) 388-3494, 1(800) 562-4367 X3494, or TDD #1-800-877-8339, or by e-mailing lisa.hickey@snoco.org.

QUESTIONS: For additional information or specific questions on the proposed ordinance please call Hilary McGowan in the Department of Planning and Development Services at 425-388-5377.

DATED this 29th day of October 2025.

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/s/Nate Nehring
Council Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Lisa Hickey
Asst. Clerk of the Council

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Send Affidavit to: County Council
Send Invoice to: Planning #107010