

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 Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 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. 26-021, titled: RELATING TO REGULATION OF STORMWATER; AMENDING CHAPTERS 30.63A, 30.63B, SECTION 30.70.310, AND SUBTITLE 30.91 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE (SCC) IN RESPONSE TO THE COUNTY'S 2024 PHASE I MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMIT.

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) to update drainage regulations and administrative rules consistent with the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit Issued by the Washington Department of Ecology. The scope of this non-project action is largely dictated by the regulatory update Ecology is requiring the County make, as described in Appendix 10 of the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit and in the 2024 Ecology Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW). The changes include the following:

- Redevelopment thresholds for road related projects, commercial projects, and industrial projects;
- Project exemptions;
- Wetland hydroperiod protection method 2;
- Minimum requirements and definitions related to minimum requirements;
- Runoff treatment performance foal thresholds and light rail dispersion BMP;
- Source control BMPs;
- Bioretention BMP;
- Stormwater facility maintenance standards; and
- Started construction standard

The following regulations and rules are proposed to be amended to reflect those updates: chapters 30.63A, 30.63B, and 30.91 SCC; SCC 30.70.310; the Snohomish County Drainage Manual; and the Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS).

In addition, these amendments propose limited, additional updates to chapter 30.63A SCC to address: (1) review processes and appeal procedures for land development projects with drainage components to clarify the County's procedure; (2) consistency with previously adopted changes in chapter 30.62A SCC; and (3) update reference to Ecology's SWMMWW.

A summary of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 26-021

Sections 1 – 3. Adopts recitals, findings of fact, and conclusions; states that the County Council bases its findings and conclusions on the entire record; and clarifies that any finding that should be a conclusion, or vice versa, is adopted as such.

Section 4. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.140, Washington State Department of Transportation Highway Runoff Manual, to update dates and references to the SWMMWW.

Section 5. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.200, General exemptions, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 6. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.310, Minimum drainage review thresholds and requirements for development, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 7. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.450, Minimum requirements 2: SWPPP – general requirements, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 8. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.515, Minimum requirement 3: Water pollution source control for new development or redevelopment, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 9. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.520, Minimum requirement 4: Preservation of natural drainage systems and outfalls, and provision of off-site mitigation, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 10. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.700, Minimum requirements for pavement maintenance, proposed to change the title to Minimum requirements for pavement activities, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 11. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.800, Stormwater drainage review process, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 12. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.820, Phased submittal of full stormwater site plans, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 13. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.830, Modifications, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 14. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.840, Waivers, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 15. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63A.865, Submittal of record drawings, to be changed to Submittal of engineering record drawings, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 16. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.63B.070, Land disturbing activity permit exemptions, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 17. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.70.310, Started construction – compliance with updated stormwater drainage regulations, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 18. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.91C.185, Common plan of development or sale, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 19. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.91C.300, Conveyance system, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 20. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.91E.070, Effective impervious surface, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 21. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.91I.010, Impervious surface, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 22. Adopts new SCC Section 30.91N.044.1, New hard surface, as set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW. This section defines 'New hard surface'.

Section 23. Adopts new SCC Section 30.91N.044.2, New impervious surface, as set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW. This section defines 'New impervious surface'.

Section 24. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.91P.257, Pollution-generating pervious surfaces or PGPS, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 25. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.91P.354, Project site, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 26. Adopts new SCC Section 30.91P.345, Project, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW. This section defines 'project' as related to drainage review.

Section 27. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.91R.119, proposed to change to 30.91R.118, Replaced hard surface, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 28. Adopts new SCC Section 30.91R.119, Replaced impervious surface, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW. This section defines 'Replaced impervious surface' as related to drainage review.

Section 29. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.91S.351, Site, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 30. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.91S.521, Source control BMP, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 31. Adopts amendments to SCC Section 30.91T.054B, Threshold discharge area, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 32. Adopts new section SCC Section 30.91V.016, Vehicular use, to comply with the necessary requirements set forth by Ecology, the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, and in the SWMMWW.

Section 33. Effective date of July 1, 2026.

Section 34. Provides a standard severability and savings clause.

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State Environmental Policy Act: Requirements for this non-project action have been satisfied through the issuance of Addendum No. 4 of the PSRC VISION 2050 Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement, dated March 18, 2026. 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 public documents germane to this notice can be accessed online 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: All interested parties may testify in person or remotely during the public hearing. Written testimony is encouraged and may be submitted via: **Mail:** Snohomish County Council, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201 **Fax:** 425-388-3496 **Email:** contact.council@snoco.org


Party of Record: You may become a party of record by submitting a written request to the Clerk of the Council, providing testimony, or signing the register at the public hearing.

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice: Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon request. Please contact **Lisa Hickey** at least one week prior to the hearing: 425-388-3494 or 1-800-562-4367 x3494 TDD: 1-800-877-8339 lisa.hickey@snoco.org

QUESTIONS: For more information, please contact Senior Planner Hilary McGowan in the Department of Planning and Development Services at 425-388-5377.


DATED this 27th day of May 2026.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington



Council Chair

ATTEST:



Asst. Clerk of the Council

PUBLISH: Wednesday, June 3, 2026

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