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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2026-1182

Ordinance: 26-021

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 code amendments in this ordinance are to update drainage regulations and administrative rules consistent with the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit Issued by the Washington Department of Ecology.

The proposed ordinance includes 29 separate section changes pertaining to SCC 30.63A, 30.63B, 30.91, 30.70.310, the Snohomish County Drainage Manual, the Snohomish County Engineering Design and Development Standards.

Duration: NA

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Authority Granted: The proposed Ordinance would amend portions of Chapter 30 to meet the minimum performance measures in special condition S5.C.5 of the 2024 NPDES Permit. The proposed ordinance contains only the amendments to SCC, as the Drainage Manual and EDDS are being updated concurrently with the code amendments in this ordinance via a rule amendment process under SCC 30.82.

Background: The County drainage regulations in SCC 30.63A contain the requirements for all unincorporated Snohomish County to prevent and control pollution of waters of the State of Washington pursuant to condition S5.C.b of the 2024 NPDES Permit. Project permits are required and applicants are required to comply with the drainage regulations for land-disturbing activity regulations within SCC 30.63B, the County Drainage Manual and EDDS.

Code Section	Proposed Change
30.63A.140	Updates referenced Washington State Department of Transportation Highway Runoff Manual reference.
30.63A.200	Clarifies and updates exemptions.
30.63A.310	Minimum drainage thresholds and requirements for redevelopment.
30.63A.450	SWPP general requirements
30.63A.515	Minimum requirements for water pollution source control for new development or redevelopment.

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30.63A.520	Minimum requirements for preservation of natural drainage systems, outfalls and provisions for off-site mitigation.
30.63A.700	Minimum requirements for pavement activities.
30.63A.800	Stormwater drainage review process
30.63A.820	Phased submittal of full stormwater site plans.
30.63A.830	Modifications – adds DCNR review.
30.63A.840	Waivers – adds DCNR to decision - making authority and adds superior court to the appeal process.
30.63A.865	Submittal of engineering record drawings.
30.63B.070	Land disturbing activity permit exemptions.
30.70.310	Started Construction – compliance with updated stormwater drainage regulations.
30.91C.185	Common plan of development or sale.
30.91C.300	Conveyance system.
30.91E.070	Effective impervious surface.
30.91I.010	Impervious surface.
30.91N.044.1	New hard surface (new definition).
30.91N.044.2	New impervious surface (new definition).
30.91P.257	Pollution-generating pervious surfaces or PGPS (amended to include artificial turf).
30.91P.354	Project site (to include right-of-way).
30.91P.345	Project (new definition).
30.91R.118	Replace hard surface (realign numbering).
30.91R.119	Replace impervious surface (new definition).
30.91S.351	Site (add to include multiple and various types of land, parcels, section, right of way, etc.).
30.91S.521	Source control BMP.
30.91T.054B	Threshold discharge area.
30.91V.016	Vehicular use (new definition).

Requested Action: For Council to set time and date for public hearing, on June 17th, 2026, at the hour of 10:30 am.