

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 26-238

REFERRING A PROPOSED DISCUSSION ITEM RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT
AND DATA CENTERS TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is experiencing increased interest in the development of data centers and related digital infrastructure facilities; and

WHEREAS, data centers may have impacts relating to land use compatibility, electrical demand, water usage, transportation, noise, environmental sustainability, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Code does not currently contain comprehensive regulations specifically addressing the siting, development or operation of data centers; and

WHEREAS, neighboring jurisdictions have taken proactive action to temporarily pause the siting of new data centers while evaluating potential adjustments to regulations around new data center development, and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Planning Commission serves as an advisory body to the County Council; and

WHEREAS, the County Council wishes to solicit feedback from the Planning Commission, in an advisory capacity, as to recommended adjustments to the regulations and development standards applicable to data centers within Snohomish County;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the County Council hereby refers the following discussion item to the Planning Commission:

1. The County Council requests feedback from the Planning Commission on recommended amendments to Title 30 SCC establishing definitions, permit zoning classifications, development standards, and other regulations applicable to data centers and related facilities within Snohomish County, and

2. The County Council requests feedback in writing from the Planning Commission by September 1, 2026.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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Council Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council