

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on February 23, 2022, the Snohomish County Council adopted Amended Ordinance No. 21-106, which shall be effective March 6, 2022.

A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 21-106

RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; AMENDING DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS IN CHAPTERS 30.24 AND 30.41C SCC PERTAINING TO ROADS
AND ACCESS

Sections 1, 2, and 3. Adopt recitals, findings, and conclusions, and states that the Snohomish County Council bases its decision on the entire record.

Section 4. Amends SCC 30.24.050 to allow the county engineer to determine the type of roadway required to provide access to a proposed subdivision, short subdivision, binding site plan development, or single family detached unit. The proposed amendment removes the requirement to seek a variance if an applicant proposes a private road instead of a public road. New language is proposed to allow a private road or drive aisle for access to a proposed subdivision, short subdivision, binding site plan development, or single family detached unit unless the county engineer determines that a public road is required to provide for the public health, safety and welfare or connectivity of the public road system.

Section 5. Amends SCC 30.24.055 to allow the county engineer to determine the type of roadway required to serve individual lots, tracts, or easements within a proposed subdivision, short subdivision, unit lot subdivision, or unit lot short subdivision. The proposed amendment removes the requirement to seek a variance if an applicant proposes a private road network element instead of a public road to serve individual lots, tracts, or easements within a proposed subdivision and short subdivision. New language is proposed to allow a private road or drive aisle for access to individual dwelling units within a unit lot subdivision or unit lot short subdivision unless the county engineer determines that a public road is required to provide for the public health, safety and welfare or connectivity of the public road system.

Section 6. Amends SCC 30.24.100 to require that a drive aisle or shared court have a minimum driving surface width of 20 feet excluding any pedestrian facility to meet fire lane requirements. This code amendment would align the county code with the Snohomish County Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS) which excludes pedestrian facilities from being used to meet fire lane requirements.

Section 7. Amends SCC 30.41C.080 to remove the specific requirement to provide physically separated pedestrian facilities and adds language that the pedestrian facilities shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the EDDS.

Section 8. Adds a new section 30.41C.250 Optional application of amended SCC 30.41C.080; supported by a new finding, providing that an applicant with a pending application for a rural cluster subdivision permit may request that SCC 30.41C.080 as amended apply to the pending application. The code section allowing the optional application SCC 30.41C.080 as amended will expire 12 months from the effective date of the ordinance.

Section 9. Includes a severability and savings clause.

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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 October 6, 2021.

Where to Get Copies of the Amended Ordinance: Copies of the full ordinance and other documentation are available upon request by calling the Snohomish County Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1-(800) 562-4367x3494, TDD (425) 877-8339 or by e-mailing contact.council@snoco.org.

Website Access: The 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>.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2022.

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Clerk of the Council

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