



Planning and Community Development

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2024-2999

Ordinance: 24-112

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: Code Amendment – Comprehensive Plan Docket Cycle.

Scope: Ordinance 24-112 would amend Chapter 30.74 SCC concerning the docket cycle.

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year **N/A**

Authority Granted:

None

Background:

The Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW 36.70A, requires Snohomish County to have a process for considering changes to the comprehensive plan proposed by the public or other agencies. This process is known as docketing. With limited exceptions, jurisdictions may update their comprehensive plans no more than once per year.

Major periodic updates occur based on a review cycle in RCW 36.70A.130. The docketing cycle in Chapter 30.74 SCC is based on a former 8-year GMA cycle for periodic plan updates. SCC 30.71.015 establishes timeframes for consideration of minor and major docket proposals within the periodic update cycle. In 2022, the Legislature changed the periodic review cycle to a 10-year period.

Ordinance 24-112 would amend Chapter 30.74 SCC to reflect the new 10-year cycle for periodic plan updates. It also lists consistency with Multicounty Planning Policies as a review requirement¹, adds language to include federally recognized Indian Tribes in docketing notification, and makes housekeeping changes.

Request:

Move to General Legislative Session on December 11, 2024, to set time and date for a public hearing. Suggested: Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 10:30 am.

¹ Consistency with the MPPs is already a GMA requirement that Snohomish County has been applying during docket review based on state law. Inclusion in county code improves clarity of the requirements for docket applicants.