

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, WashingtonNOTICE 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, February 23, 2022, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. in the Henry M. Jackson Board Room, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett, Washington to consider proposed Ordinance No. 21-106, titled: RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; AMENDING DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN CHAPTERS 30.24 AND 30.41 SCC PERTAINING TO ROADS AND ACCESS.

**NOTE:** Due to current COVID 19 restrictions, Snohomish County Council is currently holding its public meetings remote only and will hold in-person meetings in conjunction with a remote meeting platform when restrictions and conditions change. Please check the Council webpage 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing time for the most up-to-date information <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2288/Meetings-Webcasts>, or contact the Council Clerk at 425-388-3494 or at [contact.council@snoco.org](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org).

The public may participate remotely using the Zoom link below.

**Zoom Webinar Information:**

Join online at <https://zoom.us/j/94846850772>  
or by telephone call 1-253-215-8782 or 1-301-715-8592  
Meeting ID: 948 4685 0772

**Background:** This ordinance adopts amendments to Snohomish County Code (SCC) relating to the regulation pertaining to roads and access. A summary of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

## PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 21-106

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. Includes a severability and savings clause.

The Council may also consider other amendments, including but not limited to the following:

Amendment 1. This amendment adds a new section to chapter 30.41C SCC, 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.

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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 Proposed 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](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org).

**Website Access:** This ordinance can be accessed through the Council website at: <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 council at its own hearing; or (5) take any other action permitted by law.

**Public Testimony:** Anyone interested may testify concerning the above described matter at the time and place indicated above or by remote participation in the meeting. The County Council may continue the hearing to another date to allow additional public testimony thereafter, if deemed necessary. Written testimony is encouraged and may be sent to the office of the Snohomish County Council at 3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201; faxed to (425) 388-3496 or e-mailed to [Contact.Council@snoco.org](mailto:Contact.Council@snoco.org). Submitting public comments 24 hours prior to the hearing will ensure that comments are provided to the Council and appropriate staff in advance of the hearing.

**Party of Record:** You may become a party of record on this matter by sending a written request to the Clerk of the County Council at the above address, testifying at the public hearing, or entering your name and address on a register provided for that purpose at the public hearing.

**Americans with Disabilities Act Notice:** Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon request. Please make arrangements one week prior to the hearing by calling Debbie Eco at 425-388-3494, 1-800-562-4367 x3494, or TDD #1-800-877-8339.

QUESTIONS: For additional information or specific questions on the proposed ordinance, please call Amber Piona in Planning and Development Services at 425-262-2375.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington



Megan Dunn  
Council Chair

ATTEST:



Debbie Eco, CMC  
Clerk of the Council

PUBLISH: February 9, 2022

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