

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Snohomish County Council will hold a Special Meeting public hearing on Friday, December 12, 2025, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. and continuing thereafter as necessary, in the Henry M. Jackson Room, 8th Floor, Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett, Washington, in conjunction with a remote meeting platform via the following Zoom link, to consider proposed Ordinance No. 25-079, titled: RELATING TO THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT; ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Zoom Webinar Information:

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

Background: This ordinance is part of the County's annual county-initiated comprehensive plan amendment process authorized by RCW 36.70A.130 and by Snohomish County Code (SCC) 30.73.085. The ordinance adopts amendments to the Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) and consists of amendments to the Land Use Element, Housing Element, Transportation Element, Urban Core Subarea Plan Element, and Maps 1 through 6 of the Land Use Element, including the Future Land Use (FLU) Map. The amendments to the Transportation Element include revisions to project lists and maps, the arterial circulation map, the bicycle facility map, and related text, tables, and figures. This ordinance also amends the coversheet of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan.

A summary of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-079

Sections 1 – 3. Adopts recitals, findings of fact, and conclusions, and states that the County Council bases its findings and conclusions on the entire record of the County Council and that any finding that should be a conclusion and any conclusion that should be a finding is adopted as such.

Section 4. Adopts The Land Use Element of the Snohomish County 2024 Comprehensive Plan amendments, as indicated in Exhibit A of this ordinance. The ordinance adopts amendments to the Centers section of the Land Use Element by adding new policy LU.3.A.6 to the Land Use Element to implement criteria established by the Puget Sound Regional Council for regional urban centers. The ordinance adopts amendments to the Center Designations in the Land Use Element to add a new implementing zone called the Light Rail Community (LRC zone) for the Light Rail Community Future Land Use designation.

Section 5. Adopts amendments to Land Use Maps 1-6 in the Land Use Element of the Snohomish County 2024 Comprehensive Plan, as indicated in Exhibit B of this ordinance. These amendments reflect changes from three annexations and Tribal Trust transfers since the GMACP was last amended on December 4, 2024.

Section 6. Adopts amendments to the Housing Element of the Snohomish County 2024 Comprehensive Plan, as indicated in Exhibit C of this ordinance. The amendment to the Housing Element revises the introduction text to update the correct organization that prepares a plan to prevent and address homelessness.

Section 7. Adopts amendments to the Transportation Element of the Snohomish County 2024 Comprehensive Plan, as indicated in Exhibit D of this ordinance. The amendments to the Transportation Element include updating project lists to accurately show the 20-year improvement needs, to be consistent with the transportation analysis for the GMACP, to allow for a more complete impact fee cost basis. The Transportation Element Arterial Circulation Map, Bicycle Facility System Map, and Appendix A-2 are also amended to reflect updated information since the adoption of the Snohomish County 2024 Comprehensive Plan.

Section 8. Adopts amendments to the Urban Core Subarea Plan Element of the Snohomish County 2024 Comprehensive Plan, as indicated in Exhibit E to this ordinance. The Urban Core Subarea Plan Element Bicycle Facility System Map is amended to be consistent with the Transportation Element amendments.

Section 9. Amends the cover page of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan to update text indicating the most recent adoption date of the amendments to the Plan.

Section 10. The County Council directs the Code Reviser to update SCC 30.10.060 pursuant to SCC 1.02.020(3).

Section 11. Provides a standard 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 March 11, 2025. Copies of all applicable SEPA documents are available at the office of the County Council.

Where to Get Copies of the Proposed Ordinance: Copies of the full ordinance and other documentation are available upon request by calling the County Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1-(800) 562-4367x3494, TDD (425) 388-3700 or by e-mailing contact.council@snoco.org.

Website Access: This 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>.

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 County 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-mailing 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 Lisa Hickey at (425) 388-3494, 1(800) 562-4367 X3494, or TDD #1-800-877-8339, or by e-mailing lisa.hickey@snoco.org.

QUESTIONS: For additional information or specific questions on the proposed ordinance please call Steve Skorney in the Department of Planning and Development Services at 425-262-2207.

DATED this 25th day of November 2025.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

/s/Nate Nehring
Council Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Lisa Hickey
Asst. Clerk of the Council

PUBLISH: Friday, November 28, 2025

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