

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 public hearing on January 8, 2024, at the hour of 10:30 a.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. 24-2999, titled: RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 30.74 SCC; CONCERNING THE DOCKET CYCLE UPDATE.

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 amends chapter 30.74 SCC, “Growth Management Act Public Participation Program Docketing.” In 2022 the Washington State Legislature enacted Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1241 that changed the GMA comprehensive plan update cycle in RCW 36.70A.130 from every eight years to every ten years. The County’s timelines for reviewing docket proposals in chapter 30.74 SCC are aligned to the former eight-year comprehensive plan update cycle and are now out of sync with the current ten-year update cycle. Amendments to the docketing procedures in chapter 30.74 SCC will align the requirements for submitting and reviewing docket proposals with the new comprehensive plan update cycle and ensure consistency with the requirements in the GMA and chapter 30.74 SCC. This ordinance also includes findings to support the removal of a Code Reviser Note to SCC 30.74.020(2) in the published online code.

A summary of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 24-112

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. Findings also include the legislative history of SCC 30.74.020(2) in order to eliminate the need for the Code Reviser Note to SCC 30.74.020 in the published online code.

Section 4. Amends SCC 30.74.015 to update the docket cycle to reflect the changes in RCW 36.70A.130 that adjust the comprehensive plan cycle from every eight years to every ten years.

Section 5. Amends SCC 30.74.020 to require the docket submittal to be consistent with multicounty planning policies in order to align the submittal requirements with the initial review requirements and evaluation criteria in SCC 30.74.030(1)(a).

Section 6. Amends SCC 30.74.060(1) to include federally recognized Indian tribes in the distribution list for public notification in the comprehensive plan and the final docket in order to align with a similar requirement in RCW 36.70A.110(9) and amends the final docket approval criteria in SCC 30.74.060(2) to include consistency with the multicounty planning policies, to ensure consistency with the docket proposal submittal requirements and initial review and evaluation criteria in chapter 30.74 SCC.

Section 7. 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 July 9, 2024. 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 Hilary McGowan in the Department of Planning and Development Services at 425-388-5377.

DATED this 11th day of December 2024.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

/s/Jared Mead
Council Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Lisa Hickey
Asst. Clerk of the Council

PUBLISH: December 18, 2024

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