

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on December 3, 2025, the Snohomish County Council approved Ordinance 25-067.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-067

RELATING TO RIGHT-OF-WAY USE PERMITS; ADDING AND AMENDING FEES AND PERMIT TYPES; AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.02, 13.30, 13.40, 13.50, 13.60, 13.70, 13.80, AND 13.110 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

Summary: The ordinance amends Title 13 of the Snohomish County Code (SCC) to update non-land development right-of-way (ROW) use permit types, conditions, and fees; adding new permits for data collection devices (e.g. license plate readers) and utility franchise pre-designs; and establishing a utility ROW use fee as a condition for franchise agreements. A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

Permit Fee Increases to Recover Costs

Department of Public Works (DPW) recently completed a cost of service analysis for non-land development Title 13 permits to ensure the new fees cover the costs to issue and manage these permits. Most Title 13 fees for non-land development ROW use permits have not been revised since 1991. In 2024, the County only recovered approximately 34% of the costs for these permits, which is approximately \$770,000 less annually than the cost to review/execute those permits. The ordinance increases non-land development fees to recover the total cost of reviewing and executing these permits, and institutes a 3% annual fee increase to help keep up with inflation.

Other Permit Process and Condition Improvements

The ordinance makes corrections for permit types that have out-of-date names, lack conditions, or have other issues related to how permits are processed that can create confusion.

Permits for Overweight Vehicle Road Usage

Existing permits for overweight vehicles (Type B2) authorize overweight vehicles to use county roads but currently rely on a flat fee. The ordinance recommends incorporating Washington State Department of Transportation's graduated fee table that is based on the excess vehicle weight per mile.

Permits for Road Closures for Non-Profit Runs/Parades

Existing permits for road closures for non-profit runs/parades (Type A) permits currently are a flat fee for all events. The ordinance recommends a separate rate for small events and large events, and an additional fee for events involving a bridge closure.

Data Collection (License Plate Reader) Permits

The ordinance recommends a new permit type for data collection devices installed within the public ROW and establishes fees and conditions for those permits.

Utility Pre-Design Review

The ordinance recommends a new permit fee and process for utility pre-design reviews, as required by the County's Engineering Design and Development Standards.

For More Information: Copies of the ordinance and related documents are available upon request by calling the Council Office at (425) 388-3494, TTY/TDD Relay 711, 1(800) 562-4367 x3494, or by e-mailing Contact.Council@snoco.org. The ordinance is also available on the Council's website at <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx> (File # 2025-3274).

Dated this 5th day of December, 2025.



Deputy Clerk of the Council

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