

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 **Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at the hour of 10:30 a.m.**, and continuing thereafter as necessary, in the Henry M. Jackson Board 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. 25-015, titled: RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; REVISING DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR DAY CARE FACILITIES; AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE SECTIONS 30.22.100, 30.22.110, 30.22.130, 30.25.020, 30.26.030, AND 30.91F.100 AND ADDING NEWS SECTIONS 30.25.055, AND 30.28.030

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 relates to day care centers and family day care homes. It simplifies permitting processes, allows these uses in more locations throughout unincorporated Snohomish County, and makes other supporting changes.

A summary of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-015

Sections 1 – 3. Adopts recitals, findings of fact, and conclusions, and states that the Council bases its findings and conclusions on the entire record of Snohomish County Planning Commission and the County Council.

Section 4. Amends the urban zone use matrix in SCC 30.22.100. For day care centers, it would allow facilities up to 8,000 square feet as an administrative conditional use in the MHP zone and as a permitted use in all other zones. Day care centers over 8,000 square feet would be conditionally allowed in R-9,600, R-8,400, R-7,200, and T zoning, allowed as an administrative conditional use in the MHP zone, and allowed as a permitted use in all other zones. Family day care homes would be allowed as a permitted use in all zones except they will not be allowed in the GC, IP, BP, and LI zones.

Section 5. Amends the rural and resource zone use matrix in SCC 30.22.110. Day care centers up to 8,000 square feet would be allowed as a permitted use in the RD, R-5, RB, CRC, and RFS zones. Day care centers over 8,000 square feet would be allowed in the R-5 zone as a conditional use and in the RC, RB, CRC, and RFS zones as a permitted use. Family day care homes would be allowed as a permitted use in all zones except RI and F&R.

Section 6. Amends SCC 30.22.130 which contains reference notes for the use matrices. Regarding day care centers, it strikes existing language in Reference Note 2 that limits permitting of day care centers to be only when in connection with a school facility or a place of worship. Other requirements in Reference Note 2 would move to a new section SCC 30.28.030.

Section 7. Amends SCC 30.25.020 to exempt day care centers from this code section regarding perimeter landscaping requirements in favor of a new section SCC 30.25.055.

Section 8. Adopts a new section SCC 30.25.055 to provide landscaping requirements for day care centers in abutting sites with R-5, R-9,600, R-8,400, R-7,200, T, LDMR or MR zoning.

Section 9. Amends SCC 30.26.030 to modify the parking requirements for day care centers based on gross floor area.

Section 10. Adopts a new section SCC 30.28.030 to provide performance standards for day care centers, including standards for outdoor play areas, airport compatibility, licensing by the state, and road frontage and access.

Section 11. Amends SCC 30.91F.100 to revise the definition of family day care home to recognize that the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families may issue a waiver allowing family day care homes to provide care for more than 12 children.

Section 12. Provides a severability and savings clause.

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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 emailing contact.council@snoco.org.

Website Access: The 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. 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 Ryan Countryman, county council staff, at 425-309-6164 or ryan.countryman@snoco.org.

DATED this 3rd day of March 2025.

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/s/Nate Nehring
Council Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Lisa Hickey
Asst. Clerk of the Council

PUBLISH: Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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