

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 7, 2026, 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. 25-084, titled: RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; REVISING MINIMUM PARKING REGULATIONS; AMENDING CHAPTERS 30.23A AND 30.26 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE. At the hearing the Council may also consider alternatives and amendments to the proposed ordinance.

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 adopts amendments to the minimum parking standards in chapter 30.23A and 30.26 of the Snohomish county code to comply with RCW 36.70A.622 for minimum parking regulations, parking design standards, tandem parking, multifamily design, parking stall dimensions, parking lot surfacing, and configurations.

A summary of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-084

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. Amends SCC 30.23A.060 Multifamily design standards to include provisions for tandem parking spaces.

Section 5. Amends SCC 30.26.010 Applicability SCC 30.26.010(2) 2 is proposed to be relocated to section 30.26.065(1) under parking lot development standards. The proposed amendments synchronize consistent definitions used for dwelling and residential uses across chapter SCC 30.26. Removing the exemption from subsection 2 for single-family or duplex homes from permit applications ensures that parking requirements for all residential and commercial properties align with SCC 30.23.030 and Table 30.26.030(1).

Section 6. Amends SCC 30.26.025 Tandem parking standards to define tandem parking and allow parking spaces in tandem to meet minimum parking requirements with the new minimum stall dimensions for both residential and non-residential parking spaces will be included in SCC Table 30.26.065(19). Tandem parking is also permitted in front of townhouse units for driveways 19 feet long from a covered parking structure.

Section 7. Amends SCC 30.26.030 Number of parking spaces required to reduce the minimum number of parking spaces required from two (2) to one (1) per dwelling unit for cottage housing and multifamily dwelling units and removes guest-parking requirements for single-family detached units and modifies the associated notes 1 and 2 applicable to all dwelling types to

match the minimum stall dimensions for off-street parking spaces that is outlined in the new Table 30.26.065(19).

Section 8. Amends SCC 30.26.032 Additional parking requirements for the UC zone to state that townhouse and mixed townhouse developments may allow parking in front.

Section 9. Amends SCC 30.26.065 Parking lot development standards with new simplified table for minimum parking stall dimensions and parking configurations. The ordinance also amends SCC 30.26.065(9) and SCC 30.26.065(10) as a housekeeping change and replaces the references with the new SCC Table 30.26.065(19) for off street parking - minimum stall dimensions. Table SCC 30.26.065(14), Figure 30.26.065(15), Table 30.26.065(16), Table 30.26.065(17), Figure 30.26.065(18), and Table 30.26.065(19) will be replaced with updated and simplified Figures 30.26.065 (15) through (18) depicting different parking configurations and Table 30.26.065(19) listing minimum parking stall dimensions.

Section 10. Amends 30.26.070 Parking lot surfacing requirement to allow parking spaces with grass block pavers to count toward residential minimum parking requirements and prohibits gravel surfacing in Urban Growth Areas except when used as a low impact development or as allowed as an existing nonconforming parking area.

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 have been satisfied through the completion of an environmental checklist and the issuance of a determination of non-significance on August 12, 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 Diana Dannoun in the Department of Planning and Development Services at 425-312-0834

DATED this 16th day of December 2025.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

/s/Nate Nehring
Council Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Lisa Hickey
Asst. Clerk of the Council

PUBLISH: Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Send Affidavit to: County Council
Send Invoice to: Planning #107010