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4 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
5 Snohomish County, Washington

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7 ORDINANCE NO. 21-            
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9 RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; REVISING REGULATIONS CONCERNING  
10 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS; AMENDING EXISTING SECTIONS AND ADDING NEW  
11 SECTIONS IN CHAPTERS 30.75 AND 30.86 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE  
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13 WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW, requires  
14 Snohomish County (the “County”) to adopt a comprehensive plan and implementing codes and  
15 regulations related to land use and development within the County’s jurisdiction that are  
16 consistent with the comprehensive plan; and  
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18 WHEREAS, on October 29, 2020, the Puget Sound Regional Council (the “PSRC”)  
19 adopted Vision 2050, a plan for the central Puget Sound region, which includes Snohomish  
20 County; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the County is party to an interlocal agreement with PSRC that obligates the  
23 County to growth management policies and codes that are consistent with Vision 2050; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Vision 2050 requires counties to incorporate actions that contribute  
26 meaningfully toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting equitable climate resiliency  
27 measures, and steps to reduce vehicle miles traveled and promote transit, biking and walking  
28 (CC-Action-3); and  
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30 WHEREAS, the Countywide Planning Policies (the “CPPs”) contain guidance to  
31 jurisdictions in Snohomish County for how to implement the policies adopted by PSRC; and  
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33 WHEREAS, CPP-DP-11 says that the County “should revise development regulations  
34 and incentives, as appropriate, to encourage higher residential densities and greater employment  
35 concentrations in Urban Growth Areas” (UGAs); and  
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37 WHEREAS, CPP-DP-16 says that the County “should encourage the use of innovative  
38 development standards, design guidelines, regulatory incentives, and applicable low impact  
39 development measures to provide compact, high quality communities”; and  
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41 WHEREAS, CPP-DP-29 says that the County “shall develop strategies and programs to  
42 support agricultural and forest activities”; and  
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1 WHEREAS, CPP-DP-28 says that the demand for new commercial activity and services  
2 as well as new industrial job base should be generally be met in UGAs, however, it also says that  
3 outside of UGAs, the County should allow for, a) Resource-based and resource supportive  
4 commercial and industrial uses; b) Limited convenience commercial development serving the  
5 daily needs of rural area residents; c) Home-based businesses; d) Low traffic and employment  
6 enterprises that benefit from a non-urban location due to large lots, vegetative buffers, etc; e)  
7 Maintenance of the historical locations, scale, and character of existing commercial services and  
8 industrial activities; and f) Resource-dependent tourism and recreation oriented uses provided  
9 they do not adversely impact adjoining rural and resource uses; and

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11 WHEREAS, CPP-DP-15 says the County should adopt “development regulations and  
12 design guidelines that allow for infill and redevelopment of appropriate areas as identified in  
13 their comprehensive plans”; and

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15 WHEREAS, the County’s Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan (GMACP)  
16 includes the General Policy Plan (the “GPP”) which contains policies that guide the codes and  
17 regulations adopted in Title 30 of Snohomish County Code (“Title 30 SCC”); and

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19 WHEREAS, there may be gaps between what the policies in the GPP call for and what  
20 the specific regulations in Title 30 allow; and

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22 WHEREAS, RCW 36.70B.170 authorizes local governments to enter into Development  
23 Agreements that “set forth the development standards and other provisions that shall apply to and  
24 govern and vest the development, use, and mitigation of the development of real property for the  
25 duration specified in the agreement”; and

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27 WHEREAS, RCW 36.70B.170(3) provides examples of what development standards  
28 may be governed by a development agreement, including (a) Project elements such as permitted  
29 uses, residential densities, and nonresidential densities and intensities or building sizes; (b) The  
30 amount and payment of impact fees imposed or agreed to in accordance with any applicable  
31 provisions of state law, any reimbursement provisions, other financial contributions by the  
32 property owner, inspection fees, or dedications; (c) Mitigation measures, development  
33 conditions, and other requirements under chapter 43.21C RCW; (d) Design standards such as  
34 maximum heights, setbacks, drainage and water quality requirements, landscaping, and other  
35 development features; (e) Affordable housing; (f) Parks and open space preservation; (g)  
36 Phasing; (h) Review procedures and standards for implementing decisions; (i) A build-out or  
37 vesting period for applicable standards; and (j) Any other appropriate development requirement  
38 or procedure; and

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40 WHEREAS, RCW 36.70B.200 says that the County shall only approve a development  
41 agreement by ordinance or resolution after a public hearing and requires that the County Council,  
42 Planning Commission, or Hearing Examiner conduct the public hearing; and

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44 WHEREAS, Chapter 30.75 SCC contains provisions for Development Agreements; and

1           WHEREAS, provisions of Chapter 30.75 SCC have not been updated to reflect Vision  
2 2050 or changes to the Countywide Planning Policies adopted in 2011 [Note: Before this  
3 ordinance reaches Planning Commission, this recital and several above will need updating to  
4 reflect new CPPs expected to be adopted shortly after the date of this draft ordinance]; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 30.75 SCC may be more restrictive than what  
7 RCW 36.70B.170 or .200 allow; and  
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9           WHEREAS, SCC 30.75.020 requires the Hearing Examiner to make a recommendation  
10 including a proposed ordinance for consideration by the County Council; and  
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12           WHEREAS, Chapter 2.48 SCC provides for the County Council to pass either ordinances  
13 or resolutions; and  
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15           WHEREAS, in order to adopt an ordinance, the County Council must hold a hearing; and  
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17           WHEREAS, passage of a resolution does not require the County Council to hold a  
18 hearing; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the noticing and procedural requirements for the County Council to pass an  
21 ordinance are lengthier and costlier than would be to pass a resolution; and  
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23           WHEREAS, RCW 36.70B.200 only requires a single public hearing before either the  
24 County Council, Planning Commission, or Hearing Examiner; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the process currently in Chapter 30.75 SCC requires two hearings, one  
27 before the Hearing Examiner on the merits of a Development Agreement followed by a second  
28 hearing before the County Council to adopt an ordinance based on recommendations from the  
29 Hearing Examiner; and  
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31           WHEREAS, GPP policy LU 4.A.1 says that the “County shall work with architects,  
32 builders, and others to ensure that the design review process, innovative and flexible standards,  
33 and development regulations for site planning and the design of buildings are consistent with the  
34 urban design policies of the GPP”; and  
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36           WHEREAS, GPP Objective LU 7.C call on the County to “Enhance and encourage the  
37 agricultural industry through development and adoption of supporting programs and code  
38 amendments”; and  
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40           WHEREAS, GPP policy LU 7.C.6 says that “The county shall support the use of  
41 innovative agricultural technologies, procedures and practices that protect existing land, soil and  
42 water resources”; and  
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1 WHEREAS, GPP policy LU 10.B.7 says that “The county shall consider development of  
2 code and site design standards that encourage the preservation of natural and scenic resources”;  
3 and  
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5 WHEREAS, GPP policy LU 6.G.1 reads “Within rural lands outside of urban growth  
6 areas (UGAs), permit limited rural industrial land uses in areas previously designated or zoned  
7 for rural industrial uses and permit limited rural industrial uses in areas which have not been  
8 previously designated or zoned for rural industrial uses but contain uses or existing structures  
9 previously devoted to rural industry. Provide opportunities for small scale industrial development  
10 that relates to other rural uses and natural resource production, processing and distribution of  
11 goods”; and  
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13 WHEREAS, GPP policy HO 3.B.5 says that “The county shall continue the  
14 demonstration program that provides for the use of environmentally sensitive housing  
15 development practices that minimize the impacts of growth on the county’s natural resource  
16 systems without adding to the cost of housing”; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the specific demonstration program referred to in GPP HO 3.B.5 was the  
19 Reduced Drainage Discharge Demonstration Program (the “RDDDP”) which is no longer in  
20 effect, although the policy direction to continue use of environmentally sensitive housing  
21 development practices remains in effect; and  
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23 WHEREAS, GPP policy ED 2.A.2 says that “Snohomish County should stress  
24 predictability but maintain enough flexibility in the Comprehensive Plan and development codes  
25 to allow for timely response to unanticipated and desirable developments”; and  
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27 WHEREAS, GPP policy ED 2.A.3 says that to “ensure timeliness, responsiveness, and  
28 increased efficiency, the county shall develop and maintain a program of periodic review of the  
29 permitting process to eliminate unnecessary administrative procedures that do not respond to  
30 legal requirements for public review and citizen input”, and  
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32 WHEREAS, while the County already had a policy to update development regulations in  
33 Title 30 SCC to allow for “timely response to unanticipated and desirable developments” (GPP  
34 ED 2.A.2) it has not specifically done so recently; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the County Council finds that there is an opportunity to update the County’s  
37 development regulations related to Development Agreements to reflect recent changes to Vision  
38 2050 and the Countywide Planning Policies; and  
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40 WHEREAS, on [Date, Month, Year], the Snohomish County Planning Commission  
41 (“Planning Commission”) held a public hearing to receive public testimony concerning the code  
42 amendments contained in this ordinance; and  
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1 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the Planning Commission’s public hearing, the  
2 Planning Commission recommended adoption of the code amendments contained in this  
3 ordinance; and  
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5 WHEREAS, on [Date, Month, Year], the County Council held a public hearing after  
6 proper notice, and considered public comment and the entire record related to the code  
7 amendments contained in this ordinance; and  
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9 WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the County Council deliberated on the code  
10 amendments contained in this ordinance;  
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12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:  
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14 **Section 1.** The County Council adopts the following findings in support of this  
15 ordinance:  
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- 17 A. The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings as if set forth in full herein.
- 18 B. The County Council made the following findings of fact in support of this ordinance.
- 19 C. This ordinance will amend Title 30 of Snohomish County Code (SCC) to update  
20 development regulations related to Development Agreements. The proposed amendments  
21 seek to:
  - 22 1. Reflect changes in Vision 2050 and the CPPs calling for development codes to allow  
23 flexibility in development standards so long as that flexibility is still consistent with the  
24 Comprehensive Plan;
  - 25 2. Update the approval process for Development Agreements by allowing the County  
26 Council to pass a resolution to approve a Development Agreement rather than requiring a  
27 second public hearing to take place;
  - 28 3. Continue implementation of guidance in GPP HO 3.B.5 to allow for environmentally  
29 sensitive housing practices that minimize the impacts of growth on the county’s natural  
30 resource systems without adding to the cost of housing by way of Development  
31 Agreement rather than the former Reduced Drainage Discharge Demonstration program;
  - 32 4. Clarify which code sections a Development Agreement for a specific proposal may  
33 amend;
  - 34 5. Clarify minimum submittal requirements for a Development Agreement;
  - 35 6. Update the criteria that an applicant must demonstrate consistency with;
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2 7. Clarify and simplify implementation of existing code by improving consistency and  
3 readability; and

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5 8. Add fees related to the scope and complexity of a development agreement.

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7 D. In developing the proposed code amendments, the County considered the goals of the GMA.  
8 This ordinance is consistent with GMA Goal 7: "Permits. Applications for both state and  
9 local government permits should be processed in a timely and fair manner to ensure  
10 predictability" because it provides clear process and criteria that must be met applicants  
11 proposing an unanticipated or desirable project who otherwise would need to pursue a  
12 lengthier and less certain plan amendment or code amendment process.

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14 E. In addition to the policies cited above, the proposed amendments will better achieve, comply  
15 with, and implement the following goals, objectives, and policies contained in the county's  
16 GMACP.

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18 1. Economic Development Goal 2: "Provide a planning and regulatory environment which  
19 facilitates growth of the local economy". Local economic growth is facilitated by  
20 consistent, predictable, and timely permitting. This ordinance provides for greater  
21 flexibility and predictability for applicants proposing projects that support economic  
22 growth consistent with the comprehensive plan but not allowed for in SCC Title 30.

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24 2. Economic Development Objective 2.A: "Develop and maintain a regulatory system that  
25 is fair, understandable, coordinated and timely." This ordinance simplifies the existing  
26 adoption process for Development Agreements and, for proposals that are consistent with  
27 the Comprehensive Plan, allows for such agreements to substitute for the lengthier and  
28 less predictable docketing process.

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30 3. Housing Policy HO 1.B.4: "The county shall encourage and support the development of  
31 innovative housing types that make efficient use of the county land supply such as  
32 residential units in mixed-use developments, accessory dwelling units, cottage housing,  
33 co-housing, and live/work units." This ordinance allows for greater innovation in  
34 development proposals to the extent that the proposal is consistent with the  
35 Comprehensive Plan.

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37 4. Housing Policy HO 2.B: "Encourage the use of innovative urban design techniques and  
38 development standards to foster broad community acceptance of a variety of housing  
39 types affordable to all economic segments of the population." This ordinance allows for  
40 innovative urban design techniques and development standards that are consistent with  
41 the Comprehensive Plan but not already provided for in Title 30 SCC.

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43 F. Procedural requirements.



- 1 1. The proposal is a Type 3 legislative action pursuant to SCC 30.73.010.
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- 3 2. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106(1), a notice of intent to adopt this ordinance was
- 4 transmitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce for distribution to state
- 5 agencies on [Date, Month, Year], and assigned Material ID No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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- 7 3. State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements with respect to this non-project
- 8 action have been satisfied through the completion of an environmental checklist and the
- 9 issuance of a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) on [Date, Month, Year].
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- 11 4. The public participation process used in the adoption of this ordinance has complied with
- 12 all applicable requirements of the GMA and the SCC.
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- 14 5. The Washington State Attorney General last issued an advisory memorandum, as
- 15 required by RCW 36.70A.370, in December of 2015 entitled “Advisory Memorandum:
- 16 Avoiding Unconstitutional Takings of Private Property” to help local governments avoid
- 17 the unconstitutional taking of private property. The process outlined in the State Attorney
- 18 General’s 2015 advisory memorandum was used by the County in objectively evaluating
- 19 the regulatory changes proposed by this ordinance.
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22 **Section 2.** The Snohomish County Council makes the following conclusions:

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- 24 A. The proposal is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the GPP.
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- 26 B. The proposal is consistent with Washington State law and the SCC.
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- 28 C. The County has complied with all SEPA requirements in respect to this non-project action.
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- 30 D. The regulations proposed by this ordinance do not result in an unconstitutional taking of
- 31 private property for a public purpose.
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34 **Section 3.** The Snohomish County Council bases its findings and conclusions on the

35 entire record of the county council, including all testimony and exhibits. Any finding, which

36 should be deemed a conclusion, and any conclusion which should be deemed a finding, is hereby

37 adopted as such.

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40 **Section 4.** Snohomish County Code Section 30.23.200, last amended by Amended

41 Ordinance No. 02-064 on December 9, 2002, is amended to read:

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43 **30.75.010 Purpose and applicability.**

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2 (1) The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the decision-making and appeal procedures for  
3 development agreement applications. In adopting these provisions, the county acknowledges the  
4 benefits of providing certainty and flexibility regarding applicable development standards, uses,  
5 and/or mitigation for ~~((major projects or long-term, phased))~~ proposals that are consistent with  
6 the comprehensive plan but which include aspects not otherwise allowed by code.

7 (2) This chapter applies to development agreement applications made pursuant to RCW  
8 36.70B.170 - 36.70B.210 and this chapter. These provisions do not apply to or affect the validity  
9 of any contract rezone, concomitant agreement, annexation agreement or other agreement in  
10 existence on or before the effective date of this chapter, or adopted under separate authority,  
11 even though such agreements may also relate to development standards, mitigation, and other  
12 regulatory requirements.

13 (3) Development Agreements may modify specific development standards in:

14 (a) Chapter 30.22 SCC Uses Allowed in Zones;

15 (b) Chapter 30.23 SCC General Development Standards – Bulk Regulations;

16 (c) Chapter 30.23A SCC Urban Residential Design Standards;

17 (d) Chapter 30.24 SCC General Development Standards – Access and Road Network;

18 (e) Chapter 30.26 SCC General Development Standards – Parking;

19 (f) Chapter 30.27 SCC General Development Standards – Signs;

20 (g) Chapter 30.34A SCC Urban Center Development;

21 (h) Chapter 30.41A SCC Subdivisions;

22 (i) Chapter 30.41B SCC Short Subdivisions;

23 (j) Chapter 30.41C Rural Cluster Subdivisions and Short Subdivisions;

24 (k) Chapter 30.41D Binding Site Plans;

25 (l) Chapter 30.41F Single Family Detached Units;

26 (m) Chapter 30.41G Cottage Housing; and

27 (n) Chapter 30.42B Planned Residential Developments.

28 (4) Development agreements may not be used to modify the Engineering Design and  
29 Development Standards (EDDS) or the Snohomish County Drainage Manual. If modifications  
30 allowed under subsection (3) result in conflict with EDDS or the Drainage Manual, then the  
31 applicant may seek relief by requesting a deviation from EDDS or a modification to the Drainage  
32 Manual.

33 (5) Development Agreements may not be used to modify specific development standards in  
34 manner that creates a conflict with any state or federal requirement.

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37 **Section 5.** Snohomish County Code 30.75.020, last amended by Amended by Ordinance  
38 13-067 on September 25, 2013, is amended to read:



1 **30.75.020 Procedure: development agreements.**

2 (1) This section shall not apply to the review of development agreements for projects to site,  
3 construct, operate or expand essential public facilities. For those facilities, the development  
4 agreement shall be presented to the county council for approval upon the adoption of an  
5 ordinance meeting the requirements of chapter 30.42D SCC and SCC 30.75.100. The county  
6 council may not preclude the siting of an essential public facility. Procedures for the review of  
7 permits applicable to such facilities shall be specified in the development agreement.

8 (2) Development agreements shall be reviewed in the manner and following the procedures  
9 established in chapters 30.70 and 30.72 SCC, except as follows:

10 (a) The hearing examiner’s decision, as set forth in SCC 30.72.060, shall be a  
11 recommendation to the county council instead of a decision, provided that any decision on a  
12 Type 1 appeal of a SEPA threshold determination shall be a final decision;

13 (b) Each hearing examiner recommendation shall include a proposed ~~((ordinance))~~  
14 resolution for council consideration that would adopt the hearing examiner’s recommendation as  
15 a final decision unless;

16 (i) any party of record specifically requests a second public hearing before the  
17 conclusion of public testimony in the first public hearing before the hearing examiner; or

18 (ii) the department determines that a second public hearing is in the public  
19 interest; or

20 (iii) the hearing examiner concludes that a second public hearing is in the public  
21 interest; and

22 (iv) if either the department determines or the hearing examiner concludes that a  
23 second hearing is in the public interest, then the recommendation from the department or the  
24 hearing examiner shall include findings describing how an interpretation of policy to be made by  
25 the county council is in the public interest; and

26 (c) A party of record may request review of the hearing examiner’s recommendation by  
27 the county council using the same process as required for appeal of a Type 2 decision; and

28 (d) If no party of record requests review of the hearing examiner’s recommendation, the  
29 department shall forward the recommendation to the county council for consideration ~~((a closed~~  
30 ~~record hearing, allowing for a presentation to the council by the applicant and the department~~  
31 ~~regarding the recommendation and the proposed ordinance))~~.

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34 **Section 6.** A new section is added to Snohomish County Code Chapter 30.75 to read:

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36 **30.75.30 Relationship to Chapter 30.61 SCC – Environmental Review (SEPA)**

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38 With the limited exception of development agreements that solely extend the expiration periods  
39 of applications, approvals, and permits governed under SCC 30.70.140, development agreements

1 approved under this chapter are by their nature exceptions to typical development that may be  
2 exempt under SCC 30.61.035. Therefore, apart from those agreements solely addressing  
3 expiration, projects requiring a development agreement are not exempt. If a project application  
4 received by the department was determined to be exempt prior to discovery of an issue during  
5 the review process that resulted in a development agreement proposal from the applicant, then  
6 the department shall provide combined notice of withdrawal of the prior exemption  
7 determination with the new notice of an application for a development agreement.  
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10 **Section 7.** A new section is added to Snohomish County Code Chapter 30.75 to read:

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12 **30.75.040 Timing, Consolidated Review Authorized and Vesting**

13 Review of Development Agreements may or may not be consolidated with a permit application.

14 (1) An applicant or property owner may request a pre-application meeting pursuant to SCC  
15 30.70.020.

16 (2) Development Agreements may be reviewed and approved prior to the submittal of a permit  
17 application reliant on approval of the agreement.

18 (3) An applicant may submit a permit application concurrently with a proposed Development  
19 Agreement, in which case the department shall consolidate permit review for all project permit  
20 applications as Type 2 permits consolidated with the Development Agreement.

21 (4) If during the review of a Type 1 or Type 2 permit application, the department identifies a  
22 conflict between the application and a standard potentially modified by a development  
23 agreement, the applicant may choose to address the issue by submitting a request for a  
24 Development Agreement. In such circumstances, the review shall be consolidated. New  
25 combined notice of the Development Agreement and consolidation with permit applications is  
26 required. The permit application shall proceed as a Type 2 application, with the exception that  
27 final approval depends on passage of an approval resolution by the County Council rather than a  
28 Type 2 Decision by the Hearing Examiner.

29 (5) When consolidated review of a Development Agreement is taking place with permit  
30 applications, expiration of the applications does not automatically result in the expiration of the  
31 Development Agreement request. Rather, the Development Agreement may proceed  
32 independently of the permit applications, or the applicant may resubmit the expired permit  
33 application. Expired and resubmitted permit applications vest to the code in effect on the date of  
34 new application.  
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37 **Section 8.** A new section is added to Snohomish County Code Chapter 30.75 to read:  
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39 **30.75.050 Submittal requirements for Development Agreements**

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2 Except for development agreements relating to Essential Public Facilities, a complete application  
3 for a Development Agreement shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:  
4 (1) The name, address, email and phone number of the property owner.  
5 (2) The name, address, email and phone number of the applicant and the applicant’s  
6 representative if other than the property owner.  
7 (3) The location of the property including the property address and parcel identification number  
8 for all parcels included in the application.  
9 (4) A description of the proposal, including:  
10 (a) The proposed use or uses;  
11 (b) The comprehensive plan designation;  
12 (c) Existing zoning and proposed zoning if applicable;  
13 (d) Urban Growth Area if applicable;  
14 (e) Identification of which specific code section(s) the development agreement seeks to  
15 modify;  
16 (f) Specific proposed language or standards that would modify the applicable code  
17 section;  
18 (g) Discussion of alternative designs or uses that were considered and ruled out prior to  
19 the submittal the Development Agreement;  
20 (h) An explanation of the merits favoring the standards in proposed in the Development  
21 Agreement; including:  
22 (i) Why the proposed standards are favorable to the normal code requirements or  
23 alternative designs that had been ruled out, and  
24 (ii) If the proposal is to allow a use not permitted in the applicable zone, an  
25 explanation of why the use proposed in the Development Agreement would not conflict with the  
26 Comprehensive Plan; and  
27 (iii) Identification of policies in the Comprehensive Plan, Countywide Planning  
28 Policies, or Multi-County Planning Policies or citations to state law that support the explanation  
29 of why the modification is equal or superior;  
30 (i) Discussion of potential adverse environmental impacts that might be caused by the  
31 modification;  
32 (j) Discussion of any potential for the modification to be materially detrimental to the  
33 public welfare or injurious to the properties or improvements in the vicinity;  
34 (k) Proposals to mitigate any potential adverse environmental impacts or material  
35 detriment to the public or nearby properties; and  
36 (l) Any other documentation that helps to explain or support the request, such as a site  
37 plan, building elevation drawings, description of similar uses, or supporting reports and studies.  
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1           **Section 9.** A new section is added to Snohomish County Code Chapter 30.75 to read:

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3   **30.75.060 Review process and requirements**

4 Except for development agreements relating to Essential Public Facilities, the department shall  
5 review the development agreement, allowing the applicant to respond to any issue of concern,  
6 and then prepare a recommendation to the Hearing Examiner. The recommendation should  
7 include, at a minimum, findings and recommendations addressing the following:

- 8 (1) Completeness of the application and applicability of the information provided in response to  
9 the submittal requirements in SCC 30.75.040;
- 10 (2) Analysis of the proposed modifications to code and applicability of
- 11       i. Any policy or other requirement cited by the applicant to cited by the applicant in  
12       support of the proposal; and
- 13       ii. Any policy or other requirement not cited by the applicant but deemed as relevant by  
14       the department.
- 15 (3) Any public or agency comments received related to the development agreement;
- 16 (4) A description of any proposed mitigation addressing the modifications requested in the  
17 Development Agreement; and
- 18 (5) Recommendations on whether the proposed mitigation is adequate, should be revised (and if  
19 so, how), or whether the proposed mitigation cannot adequately be mitigated; and
- 20 (6) If recommending approval, the department shall include language for a proposed resolution  
21 adopting the development agreement as an attachment to its recommendation.

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24           **Section 10.** Snohomish County Code 30.75.100, last amended by Amended Emergency  
25 Ordinance 05-126 on December 7, 2005, is amended to read:

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27   **30.75.100 Decision criteria.**

28 The county council may adopt a development agreement upon passage of ~~((an))~~ a resolution or  
29 ordinance, as appropriate, with findings that:

- 30 (1) The proposed agreement is compatible with the goals and policies of the comprehensive  
31 plan;
- 32 (2) The proposed agreement is consistent with applicable development regulations, unless  
33 modified pursuant to SCC 30.75.130;
- 34 (3) The proposed agreement provides for adequate mitigation of adverse environmental impacts;  
35 provided that if the development is not defined at a project level, the agreement shall provide a  
36 process for evaluating and appropriately mitigating such impacts in the future; and
- 37 (4) The proposed agreement reserves authority to impose new or different regulations to the  
38 extent required by a serious threat to public health and safety.

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2 **Section 11.** Snohomish County Code 30.75.130, last amended by Amended Ordinance  
3 13-067 on September 25, 2013, is amended to read:

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5 **30.75.130 Development regulations applicable to essential public facilities.**

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7 The county council may approve by ordinance a development agreement that creates exemptions  
8 or modifications to the requirements of this title and is consistent with chapter 30.42D SCC in  
9 order to allow for the siting, development or expansion of an essential public facility.

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11 **Section 12.** A new section is added to Snohomish County Code Chapter 30.86 to read:

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13 **30.86.240 Development Agreement Fees**

14 Base fees assume only one code section being modified.

<b>Pre-Application Conference Fees</b>			
	Base Fee	Per Additional Code Section	
For feedback on uses or policies only	\$3,000	\$1,000	
For feedback that includes a site plan or building plans	\$5,000	\$1,000	
<b>Development Agreement Application Fees (1)</b>			
Base Fee	\$8,000		
Plus per acre of site outside UGA	\$250		
Plus per acre of site in UGA	\$750		
Plus per additional code section modified	\$2,500		
(1) A discount equal to 25% of the pre-application fee may be given when a Development Agreement application is filed within 5 years of completion of a pre-application conference.			
<b>Modification to an Approved Development Agreement</b>			
Per change if already provided for in the agreement	\$3,000		

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18 **Section 10.** Effective date and implementation. This ordinance shall take effect 60 days  
19 following adoption by the County Council. The Snohomish County Department of Planning and  
20 Development Services is authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to implement this  
21 ordinance on its effective date.  
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1           **Section 11.** Severability and Savings. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this  
2 ordinance shall be held to be invalid by the Growth Management Hearings Board (Board), or  
3 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall  
4 not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this  
5 ordinance. Provided, however, that if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is  
6 held to be invalid by the Board or court of competent jurisdiction, then the section, sentence,  
7 clause or phrase in effect prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be in full force and  
8 effect for that individual section, sentence, clause or phrase as if this ordinance had never been  
9 adopted.

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41 Approved as to form only:

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44 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney