

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on March 19, 2025, the Snohomish County Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-014, which shall be effective March 30, 2025. This notice complies with RCW 36.70A.290.

A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-014

RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; REVISING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGULATIONS; AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE (SCC) SECTIONS 30.28.010, 30.28.070, AND 30.66B.057, AMENDING DEFINITIONS IN CHAPTERS 30.91A AND 30.91D SCC, AND ADDING A NEW DEFINITION IN CHAPTER 30.91P SCC

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 development standards for ADUs in SCC 30.28.010. It removes architectural design requirements for ADUs for consistency with RCW 36.70A.681(1)(h). For urban zones, it allows new configurations of ADUs associated with single family dwellings, duplex dwellings, and single family attached dwellings and adds new exceptions to bulk regulations to incentivize more ADU development.

Section 5. Amends standards for non-conforming structures in SCC 30.28.070 to address conversion of such structures into ADUs and for consistency with RCW 36.70A.681(1)(j).

Section 6. Amends SCC 30.66B.057 to clarify that review of building permits for duplexes with ADUs are not subject to road impact mitigation requirements of Chapter 30.6BB SCC.

Section 7. Amends the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit in SCC 30.91A.035 for consistency with phrasing in recent legislation and to remove a requirement that the ADU be under the same ownership as the principal unit for consistency with RCW 36.70A.681(1)(k) which mandates that counties allow sale of ADUs as condominiums.

Section 8. Amends the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit, attached in SCC 30.91A.040 to clarify the ADU must share a common wall with the principal unit, and for consistency with phrasing in recent legislation.

Section 9. Amends the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit, Detached in SCC 30.91A.050 for consistency with phrasing in recent legislation.

Section 10. Amends the definition of Development in SCC 30.91D.210, which is subject to road impact mitigation requirements of Chapter 30.66B SCC, to exclude duplex dwellings with ADUs.

Sections 11 and 12. Amends the definitions of Driveway and of Driveway, Shared in SCC 30.91D.460 and 30.91D.465, respectively, to allow for driveways and shared driveways to serve lots with more than two dwelling units provided that two of the units are ADUs.

Section 13. Amends the definition of Duplex in SCC 30.91D.480 so that it may include ADUs.

Section 14. Amends the definition of Dwelling, Multiple Family in SCC 30.91D.500 to clarify that it excludes ADUs.

Section 15. Amends the definition of Dwelling, Single Family in SCC 30.91D.510 to clarify that the definition includes more than one ADU.

Section 16. Amends the definition of Dwelling, Single Family Attached in SCC 30.91D.515 so that it may include ADUs.

Section 17. Adds a new section SCC 30.91P.307 to define Principal Unit, for consistency with RCW 36.70A.696(10) and the types of dwelling units that this ordinance would allow to have ADUs.

Section 18. Provides a standard severability and savings clause.

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Where to Get Copies of the 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>.

DATED this 26th day of March 2025.

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/s/Lisa Hickey
Asst. Clerk of the Council

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

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