



Snohomish County

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

January 29, 2025

Snohomish County Council
County Administration Building
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 609
Everett, WA 98201-4046

SUBJECT: Planning Commission recommendation on proposed code amendments to School Impact Fees for Smaller Housing Units - Responding to Changes in RCW 82.02.060

Dear Snohomish County Council:

On behalf of the Snohomish County Planning Commission, I am forwarding our recommendation to amend sections of Chapter 30.66C of the Snohomish County Code (SCC) to align with recent changes in RCW 82.02.060, requiring a proportionate share of impact fees from smaller residential units. The Planning Commission had a briefing on this topic on December 17, 2024, and conducted a public hearing on January 28, 2025.

The proposed code amendments would:

- amend SCC 30.66C.040, “Minimum requirements for district capital facilities plans” to ensure support data and information, such as student generation rates, for the development of school impact fees and the school districts’ capital facilities plans reflect the dwelling types and number of bedrooms in Table 30.66C.100(1) “School Impact Mitigation Fees”; and
- amend SCC 30.66C.100 to add a new heading Table 30.66C.100(1a) to be effective on January 1, 2027, to include smaller and larger residential units for each dwelling type (Single Family, Multifamily, and Townhouse/Duplex). The Multifamily dwelling unit category of one bedroom was changed to one bedroom or less. The rationale for the January 1, 2027, effective date is because the school districts are on a biennial schedule to update their CFPs and these CFPs contain their proposed impact fees that consequently update the school impact fee table in SCC 30.66C.100.

There were no (0) written comments received by the Planning Commission from the public prior to the January 28th hearing, and one (1) member of the public commented in support of the amendments at the public hearing.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

At the January 28, 2025, Planning Commission meeting, Commissioner Campbell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, recommending **APPROVAL** of the proposed amendments to Chapter 30.66C SCC contained in the briefing staff report dated November 13, 2024.

Vote (Motion):

9 in favor (*Ash, Bush, Busteed, Campbell, Chandler, James, Larsen, Sievers, Sheldon*)

0 opposed

0 abstentions

Motion passed

This recommendation was made following the close of the public hearing and after due consideration of information presented and is based on the findings and conclusions presented in the November 13, 2024, staff report, with which the Commission concurred.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W Larsen

Robert W Larsen (Feb 1, 2025 10:37 PST)

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Robert Larsen, Chairman

cc: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
Mike McCrary, Director, Planning and Development Services
David Killingstad, Manager, Planning and Development Services