



SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

June 9, 2025

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

SUBJECT: Planning Commission Recommendation Relating to Proposed Urban Residential Design Standards (URDS) Part Two

Dear Snohomish County Council:

On behalf of the Snohomish County Planning Commission, I am forwarding our recommendation to amend URDS regulations. The Planning Commission had a briefing on this topic on February 25, 2025 and conducted a public hearing on March 25, 2025.

The proposed code amendments would amend Snohomish County Code (SCC) chapters 30.23, 30.23A, and 30.915 SCC related to URDS. Amendments include removing outdated or inaccurate terminology, adding clarifying language to ensure consistent implementation of the URDS requirements, and removing reference to and the requirement to comply with the obsolete Snohomish County Residential Design Manual.

There was one (1) written comment received by the Planning Commission from the public prior to the March 25th public hearing, and zero (0) members of the public commented at the public hearing.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

At the March 25, 2025 Planning Commission meeting, Commissioner Campbell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sheldon, recommending APPROVAL of the proposed URDS Part Two amendments contained in the staff report.

Vote (Motion):

7 in favor (*Ash, Bush, Busteed, Campbell, Chandler, Larsen, Sheldon*)

0 opposed

0 abstentions

Amendment 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 February 5, 2025 staff report, with which the Commission concurred.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W Larsen

Robert W Larsen (Jun 12, 2025 18:41 PDT)

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Robert Larsen, Chairman

Planning Commission Recommendation Letter
Code Amendments to Chapter 30.23, 30.23A, and 30.91S SCC
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cc: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
Mike McCrary, Director, Planning and Development Services
Darren Groth, Long Range Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services