



Snohomish County

Planning & Development Services

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Michael McCrary, Director, Planning and Development Services, PDS

DATE: June 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Notice of Final Action for Adoption of PDS Director's Rule 24-07 – Accessory Dwelling Units in Rural Areas on Properties with Split Zoning

Introduction

Pursuant to Snohomish County Code (SCC) Chapter 30.82 (Rulemaking), the Planning and Development Services (PDS) Department proposes action on Director's Rule 24-07 – ADUs in Rural Areas on Properties with Split Zoning.

Rule Summary

The intent of this rule is to provide more specificity to the existing code sections that permit detached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in rural, resource, and other zones within unincorporated Snohomish County. This rule is necessary to remove an ambiguity with regards to split zoning and the allowance of detached ADUs.

Effect

Rules issued under the authority of Chapter 30.82 SCC carry the same force and effect as any other provision of Title 30 SCC and are enforceable as such. A rule shall remain in effect until amended or repealed in writing by the PDS Director pursuant to Chapter 30.82 SCC.

Process

The notice of proposed rulemaking action was published in *The Herald* on July 19, 2024. The 21-day public comment period ended at 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2024. No comments were received from the public. Notice of final action indicating rule adoption will be published in *The Herald* on June 28, 2025.

Decision

In accordance with Subsection 30.82.040(1) SCC, the PDS Director approved the proposed rule on June 11, 2025, without changes. The decision of the applicable director on matters relating to adoption of administrative rules shall be final and not subject to review

PDS Director's Rule No. 24-07

ADUs in Rural Areas on Properties with Split Zoning

County Council Review

Pursuant to Section 30.82.065 SCC, Council review shall determine whether the adopted rule is consistent with the scope of the department's rule making authority. No other formal appeal opportunity is available. A rule approved under Section 30.82.040 SCC shall be reviewed by the Council upon request by an interested person when such request is submitted in writing to the department no later than 120 days after rule approval.

Questions or copies of the rule package may be obtained by contacting Darren Groth at 425-262-2764 or darren.groth@snoco.org.

Attachments (2)

1. Notice of Final Action Rule Adoption
2. PDS Director's Rule 24-07 – ADUs in Rural Areas on Properties with Split Zoning