



# Planning and Community Development

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**Council Initiated:**

Yes CM Mead

No

**ECAF:** 2026-1120  
**Motion:** 26-189

**Type:**

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

**Requested Handling:**

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

**Fund Source:**

- General Fund
- Other Rd Fund
- N/A

**Executive Rec:**

- Approve
- Did Not Approve
- N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**Subject:** The proposed motion would initiate planning commission review, consideration and recommendation of the proposed ordinance attached to the motion.

**Scope:** The motion would refer the proposed ordinance (Attached to the motion as Exhibit A) to the Snohomish County Planning Commission for review, consideration, and a recommendation back to council. The proposed ordinance would amend the county’s regulations for Sheriff Precincts and Fire Stations.

**Duration:** NA

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  N/A

**Authority Granted:** Refers a proposed ordinance for recommendation and input relating to proposed amendments and new code sections to Snohomish County Code Title 30. By referring the ordinance to the Planning Commission, the County Council seeks input from the Department of Planning and Development Services, the Department of Public Works, and a recommendation from the Planning Commission.

**Background:** The Snohomish County Planning Commission is an advisory body to the County Council and County Executive. The commission holds public hearings and provides recommendations on proposed changes to the county’s comprehensive plan and development regulations. County code provides that a public hearing be held within 90 days of a referral of proposed legislation to the commission unless the council specifies a different schedule (SCC 30.73.040(3)).

Snohomish County Code 30.22, under zoning regulations, outlines which uses may be permitted (allowed outright), conditional (requires special review to ensure compatibility with permitted uses in the same zone, granted by the Hearing Examiner), administrative conditional (which requires a special review by the Department of Planning and Development Services), or prohibited (not allowed at all).

The proposed code changes would clarify the appropriate process for approving fire stations and sheriff precincts through permitted or conditionally permitted processes.

**Action Requested:** For the Council to move the motion to GLS on May 27, 2026, for consideration.