

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on June 24, 2026, the Snohomish County Council approved Emergency Ordinance 26-026, which became effective immediately upon adoption.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 26-026

RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; ADOPTING A MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS WITHIN UNINCORPORATED SNOHOMISH COUNTY; ADDING NEW SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 30.28 SCC AND CHAPTER 30.91D SCC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Summary: A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

Section 1. Adopts findings of fact and conclusions supporting the adoption of the Emergency Ordinance.

Section 2. Pursuant to section 2.120 of the Snohomish County Charter, the Snohomish County Council finds as a fact and concludes that adopting an emergency ordinance and a moratorium on data center development is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety; declares an emergency exists; states the ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Section 3. Adopts a moratorium on the filing, acceptance, processing, or approval of applications to establish or expand data centers or change of use to data centers in all zones. The moratorium is a specific requirement that supersedes any general regulation in SCC 30.22 that could be interpreted to allow a data center. The moratorium shall be effective for six months and automatically expire and may be renewed for one or more six-month periods if a subsequent public hearing is held and findings of fact are made prior to each renewal.

Section 4. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.390, the Council will hold a public hearing within 60 days of adoption of this ordinance to take public testimony and to consider adopting further findings.

Section 5. Adds new section SCC 30.28.032 Data centers – moratorium.

Section 6. Adds new section SCC 30.91D.025 Data center.

Section 7. States that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid it shall not affect the validity of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance. Provided, however, that if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid, then the section, sentence, clause, or phrase in effect prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be in full force.

For More Information: Copies of the ordinance and related documents are available upon request by calling the Council Office at (425) 388-3494, TTY/TDD Relay 711, 1(800) 562-4367 x3494, or by e-mailing Contact.Council@snoco.org. Files are also available on the Council's website at <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx> (File # 2026-1510).

Dated this 25th day of June, 2026.



Deputy Clerk of the Council

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