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2 Effective:

3 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
4 Snohomish County, Washington

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6 ORDINANCE NO. 26-037
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8 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF CONSTRUCTION; ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF
9 THE INTERNATIONAL CODES AS AMENDED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE BUILDING
10 CODE COUNCIL; AND AMENDING AND ADDING SECTIONS IN SUBTITLE 30.5 SCC
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12 WHEREAS, the merger of the International Conference of Building Officials with other code
13 writing organizations led to the formation of the International Code Council, which led to the
14 creation of a group of international codes that replaced the Uniform Building Codes in 2003; and
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16 WHEREAS, the State Building Code Act, chapter 19.27 RCW, adopts every update of the
17 International Building, Residential, Mechanical, and Fire Codes, as well as the Uniform
18 Plumbing Code, portions of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, and other
19 construction codes with state specific amendments (together, the State Building Code or SBC);
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22 WHEREAS, the international and state building codes are updated comprehensively on a
23 periodic basis for revised construction and performance standards, methods, technology, and
24 products to improve construction safety and provide greater flexibility to meet minimum
25 standards; and
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27 WHEREAS, the 2021 International Codes, published by the International Code Council
28 were adopted with amendments by the Washington State Building Code Council, and became
29 effective on March 15, 2024; and
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31 WHEREAS, chapter 19.27 RCW mandates that the SBC be administered and enforced by
32 counties and cities, and grants counties and cities limited authority to amend the code as it
33 applies within their jurisdictions; and
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35 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council ("County Council") last adopted the 2018 SBC
36 on July 14, 2021; and
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38 WHEREAS, the County Council seeks to adopt the 2021 International Codes, as amended
39 by the Washington State Building Code Council, together with Snohomish County specific
40 amendments; and
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42 WHEREAS, on ____ 2026, the County Council held a public hearing after proper notice,
43 heard public testimony related to the proposed code amendments, and considered the entire
44 record; and
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46 WHEREAS, following the public hearings, the County Council deliberated on the proposed
47 code amendments;
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:
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3 Section 1. The County Council makes the following findings:
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5 A. The County Council adopts and incorporates the foregoing recitals as findings as if set forth
6 fully herein.
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8 B. The proposal will adopt the 2021 Codes, as amended by the Washington State Building
9 Code Council, and as revised by this ordinance.
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11 C. This ordinance will amend subtitle 30.5 of the Snohomish County Code (SCC) as follows:
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- 13 1. Amend subtitle 30.5 SCC to: (1) amend chapter 30.50 SCC to add cross-references
14 to the International Fire Code, the International Wildland Urban Interface Code, and
15 the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) within the Construction Codes –
16 Administration chapter; (2) amend chapter 30.52A SCC to adopt the 2021 edition of
17 the International Building Code; (3) amend chapter 30.52B to adopt the 2021 edition
18 of the International Mechanical Code; (4) amend chapter 30.52D to adopt the 2021
19 edition of the Washington State Energy Code; (5) amend chapter 30.52E to adopt
20 the 2021 edition of the Uniform Plumbing; (6) amend chapter 30.52F to adopt the
21 2021 edition of the International Residential Code; (7) amend chapter 30.53A to
22 adopt the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code and delete redundant language
23 that restates existing International Code; (8) add chapter 30.53D to adopt the 2021
24 International Wildland Urban Interface Code; and (9) add chapter 30.53E to adopt
25 the 2021 IgCC on a voluntary basis for developers.
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27 D. Procedural requirements.
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- 29 1. The proposed amendments are consistent with state law, including RCW 19.27.560.
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31 2. This ordinance is exempt from review by the Snohomish County Planning
32 Commission ("Planning Commission") pursuant to SCC 30.73.040(2)(c) because it
33 implements the State Building Code Act, chapter 19.27 RCW, not the Growth
34 Management Act (GMA), chapter 36.70A RCW.
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36 3. This ordinance is exempt from review by the Washington State Environmental Policy
37 Act (SEPA) pursuant to RCW 43.21C.450(4), which categorically exempts SEPA
38 review of the County's amendments to technical codes adopted to ensure
39 consistency with minimum standards contained in state law, including the adoption
40 of building codes.
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42 4. This ordinance does not adopt development regulations under SCC 30.10.080.
43 Therefore, notice to the Washington State Department of Commerce of intent to
44 adopt pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106 is not required.
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46 5. The public participation process used in the adoption of this ordinance has complied
47 with all applicable requirements of the SCC.
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6. The Washington State Attorney General last issued an advisory memorandum, as required by RCW 36.70A.370, in October of 2024 entitled “*Advisory Memorandum and Recommended Process for Evaluating Proposed Regulatory or Administrative Actions to Avoid Unconstitutional Takings of Private Property*” to help local governments avoid the unconstitutional taking of private property. The process outlined in the State Attorney General’s 2024 advisory memorandum was used by the County in objectively evaluating the regulatory changes proposed by this ordinance.

E. The proposed amendments are consistent with the record.

1. RCW 19.27.040 allows the governing body of each county and city to amend the State Building Code as it applies within the jurisdiction of the county or city so long as the minimum performance standards of the codes and the objectives enumerated in RCW 19.27.020 are not diminished by any local amendments. The proposed amendments do not diminish the minimum performance standards of the codes and the objectives enumerated in RCW 19.27.020.
2. The amendments to subtitle 30.5 SCC are necessary to implement the State Building Code and provide clarity, internal consistency, and correct cross-references in existing County Code provisions. None of the proposed amendments diminish the minimum performance standards established by the SBC. Many amendments will repeal redundant language in the SCC that restates existing International Code and to renumber sections of the SCC to match the corresponding chapter numbering in the various International Codes adopted by Snohomish County. Additionally, the amendments provide a guide on how to meet IgCC standards, which will help provide a response to the growing demand for environmentally friendly buildings, as well as the need for consistent sustainability standards across the construction industry.
3. The proposed amendments are consistent with the record as set forth in the PDS Staff Report dated October 16, 2024.
4. The proposed amendments have been evaluated for the potential to create barriers to the implementation of low impact development (LID) principles and measures for stormwater management. Since the updates support the basic LID principles of preserving native vegetation, limiting impervious surfaces, and protecting native soils and drainage channels, the county determined that the proposed amendments support and implement LID principles and thus, do not create a barrier to the use of LID techniques for stormwater management.
5. The proposed amendments address utilities in terms of how built development must conform to applicable International Code provisions. The amendments will not impact the demand for capital facilities and utilities.
6. The proposed amendments will not impact the buildable lands of Snohomish County, nor will they impact housing and job creation in the County.

Section 2. The County Council makes the following conclusions:

- A. The County Council concludes that this ordinance adopting the 2021 International Codes, as amended by the Washington State Building Code Council within the State Building Code, together with local amendments permitted under RCW 19.27.040, is in the best interest of Snohomish County.
- B. The ordinance is consistent with the current State Building Code updates adopted by the Washington State Building Code Council.
- C. The proposed amendments are consistent with Washington state law and the SCC.
- D. The ordinance promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the occupants or users of buildings and structures and the general public.
- E. Planning Commission review is not required under SCC 30.73.040(2)(c).
- F. Notice to the Washington State Department of Commerce of intent to adopt these codes is not required under RCW 36.70A.106.
- G. The regulations proposed by this ordinance do not result in an unconstitutional taking of private property for public purpose.

Section 3. The Snohomish County Council bases its findings and conclusions on the entire record of the County Council, including all testimony and exhibits. Any finding, which should be deemed a conclusion, and any conclusion which should be deemed a finding, is hereby adopted as such.

Section 4. Snohomish County Code Section 30.50.012, last added by Amended Ordinance No. 14-060 on Aug. 27, 2014, is amended to read:

30.50.012 Scope.

This chapter establishes the administrative, organizational, and enforcement rules and regulations for the construction codes which regulate site preparation and construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, use and occupancy of buildings, structures and building service equipment within the jurisdiction of the county. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the administration of the following construction codes as adopted and amended by the Washington State Building Code Council (SBCC) and as adopted by the county:

- (1) International Building Code;
- (2) International Mechanical Code;
- (3) Washington State Energy Code;
- (4) Uniform Plumbing Code; ~~((and))~~
- (5) International Residential Code((-));
- (6) International Fire Code;
- (7) International Wildland Urban Interface Code; and
- (8) International Green Construction Code.

Section 5. Snohomish County Code Section 30.52A.010, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 21-030 on July 14, 2021, is amended to read:

30.52A.010 International Building Code (IBC) - adopted.

The ~~((2018))~~ 2021 edition of the International Building Code (IBC) published by the International Code Council, as amended by the Washington State Building Code Council, that includes Appendix E to the IBC, ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009, the ~~((2018))~~ 2021 International Existing Building Code, and the ~~((2018))~~ 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, and included in chapter 19.27 RCW, is adopted ~~((except chapter 4,))~~ and as otherwise expressly amended by this chapter and chapter 30.50 SCC, and is incorporated and made a part of this chapter by reference. When there is a conflict between the administrative provisions of the International Building Code and the administrative requirements of chapter 30.50 SCC, the requirements of chapter 30.50 SCC shall apply.

Section 6. Snohomish County Code Section 30.52B.010, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 21-029 on July 14, 2021, is amended to read:

30.52B.010 International Mechanical Code (IMC) - adopted.

The ~~((2018))~~ 2021 edition of the International Mechanical Code (IMC), published by the International Code Council, and amended by the Washington State Building Code Council and included in chapter 19.27 RCW ~~((except chapter 4,))~~ and as otherwise expressly amended by this chapter is adopted and is incorporated and made a part of this chapter by reference. These regulations shall be known as the Mechanical Code of Snohomish County and shall be referred to as the "mechanical code~~((-))~~," or as "this code" in instances of applicable cross-references to the IMC.

Where a conflict exists between the administrative provisions of the International Fuel Gas Code and the mechanical code, the provisions of the mechanical code shall apply. When there is a conflict between the administrative provisions of the International Mechanical Code and the administrative requirements of chapter 30.50 SCC, the requirements of chapter 30.50 SCC shall apply.

The Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality (VIAQ) Code was repealed on July 1, 2010. Its requirements are now found in the 2021 Washington State Mechanical Code and in the 2021 Washington State Residential Code.

Section 7. Snohomish County Code Section 30.52D.010, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 21-029 on July 14, 2021, is amended to read:

30.52D.010 Washington State Energy Code - adopted.

The ~~((2018))~~ 2021 edition of the Washington State Energy Code ~~((, except chapter 1 of chapters 51-11C and 51-11R WAC,))~~ is incorporated and made a part of this chapter by reference and is adopted as the Energy Code of Snohomish County, herein referenced to as the "energy code~~((-))~~," or as "this code" in instances of applicable cross-references to chapters 51-11C and 51-11R WAC. When there is a conflict between the administrative provisions of the State Energy Code and the administrative requirements of chapter 30.50 SCC, the requirements of chapter 30.50 SCC shall apply.

Section 8. Snohomish County Code Section 30.52E.010, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 21-029 on July 14, 2021, is amended to read:

30.52E.010 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) - adopted.

The ~~((2018))~~ 2021 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, as amended by the Washington State Building Code Council, which includes Appendices A, B, ~~((and))~~ I, and M, and included in chapter 19.27 RCW, ~~((except chapter 1,))~~ and as otherwise expressly amended, is incorporated herein and made a part of this chapter by reference and is adopted as the Plumbing Code of Snohomish County, herein referred to as the "plumbing code~~((-))~~" or as "this code" in instances of applicable cross-references to the UPC. When there is a conflict between the administrative provisions of the Uniform Plumbing Code and the administrative requirements of chapter 30.50 SCC, the requirements of chapter 30.50 SCC shall apply.

Section 9. Snohomish County Code Section 30.52F.010, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 21-030 on July 14, 2021, is amended to read:

30.52F.010 International Residential Code (IRC) - adopted.

The ~~((2018))~~ 2021 edition of the International Residential Code (IRC), herein referred to as the "residential code," published by the International Code Council, as amended by the Washington State Building Code Council, which includes Appendices F, Q, and U, and included in chapter 19.27 RCW, ~~((except chapter 1,))~~ and as otherwise expressly amended by this chapter and chapter 30.50 SCC, is adopted and is incorporated and made a part of this chapter by reference. When there is a conflict between the administrative provisions of the International Residential Code and the administrative requirements of chapter 30.50 SCC, the requirements of chapter 30.50 SCC shall apply.

Section 10. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.010, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 21-030 on July 14, 2021, is amended to read:

30.53A.010 International Fire Code (IFC) - adopted.

The ~~((2018))~~ 2021 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC), ~~((except chapter 1,))~~ published by the International Code Council, as amended by the Washington State Building Code Council in chapter 19.27 RCW is adopted ~~((, otherwise known as the Washington State Fire Code,))~~ and as otherwise expressly amended by this chapter, and is incorporated and made a part of this chapter by reference. This code includes appendix B and C of the International Fire Code. When there is a conflict between the administrative provisions of IFC Sections 101.1 – 422 and the administrative requirements of subtitle 30.5 SCC, the requirements of subtitle 30.5 shall apply.

Section 11. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.100, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on Aug. 27, 2014, is amended to read:

~~((30.53A.100)) 30.53A.101.1 Title.~~

Section 101.1 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of Snohomish County, and will be referred to as "this code" or as "the fire code." All references to "this code" within Chapter 30.53A SCC shall be interpreted to mean "the fire code" in cross-references with the Snohomish County Code.

1 Section 12. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.102, last amended by Amended
2 Ordinance No. 17-058 on October 18, 2017, is repealed.

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4 Section 13. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.104, last amended by Amended
5 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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7 Section 14. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.106, last amended by Amended
8 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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10 Section 15. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.112, last amended by Amended
11 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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13 Section 16. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.114, last amended by Amended
14 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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16 Section 17. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.116, last amended by Amended
17 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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19 Section 18. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.118, last amended by Amended
20 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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22 Section 19. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.119, last amended by Amended
23 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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25 Section 20. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.120, last amended by Amended
26 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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28 Section 21. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.122, last amended by Amended
29 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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31 Section 22. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.124, last amended by Amended
32 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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34 Section 23. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.125, last amended by Amended
35 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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37 Section 24. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.126, last amended by Amended
38 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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40 Section 25. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.127, last amended by Amended
41 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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43 Section 26. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.128, last amended by Amended
44 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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46 Section 27. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.132, last amended by Amended
47 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read.

48 **((30.53A.132)) 30.53A.103.2 Appointment.**

1 Section 103.2 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

2 The fire marshal shall be appointed by the director, pursuant to chapter 2.01 SCC.

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4 Section 28. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.138, last amended by Amended
5 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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7 **((30.53A.138)) 30.53A.104.7 Liability and legal defense.**

8 Section 104.7 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

9 The liability of employees and officials while performing their official duties under the fire code is
10 governed by SCC 2.90.085.

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12 Section 29. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.142, last amended by Amended
13 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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15 Section 30. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.144, last amended by Amended
16 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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18 Section 31. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.148, last amended by Amended
19 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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21 **((30.53A.148)) 30.53A.104.3 Right of entry.**

22 Section 104.3 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

23 Pursuant to SCC 30.85.070, whenever it is necessary to make an inspection to enforce the
24 provisions of the fire code, or whenever the fire marshal has reasonable cause to believe that
25 there exists in a building or upon any premises any conditions or violations of the fire code
26 which make the building or premises unsafe, dangerous or hazardous, the fire marshal shall
27 have the authority to enter the building or premises at all reasonable times to inspect or to
28 perform the duties imposed upon the fire marshal by the fire code. If such building or premises
29 is occupied, the fire marshal shall present credentials to the occupant and request entry. If such
30 building or premises is unoccupied, the fire marshal shall first make a reasonable effort to locate
31 the owner or other person having charge or control of the building or premises and request
32 entry. If entry is refused, the fire marshal has recourse to every remedy provided by law to
33 secure entry.

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35 Section 32. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.150, last amended by Amended
36 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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38 Section 33. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.152, last amended by Amended
39 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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41 Section 34. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.154, last amended by Amended
42 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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44 **((30.53A.154)) 30.53A.104.5 Notice and orders.**

45 Section 104.5 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

46 The fire marshal may issue warning notices, citations, and notice of violations. The fire marshal
47 may coordinate with PDS code enforcement staff to issue such notices required to affect
48 compliance with the fire code in accordance with SCC 30.53A.388 and 30.53A.390.

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2 Section 35. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.156, last amended by Amended
3 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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5 Section 36. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.158, last amended by Amended
6 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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8 Section 37. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.160, last amended by Amended
9 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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11 Section 38. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.162, last amended by Amended
12 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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14 Section 39. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.164, last amended by Amended
15 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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17 Section 40. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.166, last amended by Amended
18 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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20 Section 41. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.168, last amended by Amended
21 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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23 Section 42. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.170, last amended by Amended
24 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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26 Section 43. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.172, last amended by Amended
27 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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29 Section 44. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.173, last amended by Amended
30 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.
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32 Section 45. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.174, last amended by Amended
33 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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35 Section 46. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.175, last amended by Amended
36 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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38 Section 47. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.178, last amended by Amended
39 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:
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41 **~~((30.53A.178)) 30.53A.104.11.1~~ Assistance from other agencies.**

42 **Section 104.11.1 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:**

43 Police and other enforcement agencies shall have authority to render necessary assistance in
44 the investigation of fires or the enforcement of the fire code as requested by the fire marshal.
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46 Section 48. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.180, last amended by Amended
47 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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1 Section 49. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.182, last amended by Amended
2 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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4 Section 50. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.184, last amended by Amended
5 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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7 **((30.53A.184)) 30.53A.104.12.2 Obstructing operations.**

8 Section 104.12.2 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

9 No person shall obstruct the operations of a fire department in connection with extinguishment,
10 control or investigation of any fire, or actions relative to other emergencies, or disobey any
11 lawful command of the fire chief or officer of the fire department in charge of the emergency, or
12 any part thereof, or any lawful order of a police officer assisting the fire department.

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14 Section 51. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.186, last amended by Amended
15 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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17 Section 52. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.188, last amended by Amended
18 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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20 **((30.53A.188)) 30.53A.105.1 Permits - general.**

21 Section 105.1 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

22 Permits shall be in accordance with ((SCC 30.53A.190 through 30.53A.358)) chapter 30.50
23 SCC and chapter 30.53A SCC.

24 The fire marshal is authorized to receive applications, review construction documents and issue
25 permits for construction regulated by the fire code, issue permits for operations regulated by the
26 fire code, inspect the premises for which such permits have been issued and enforce
27 compliance with the provisions of the fire code.

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29 Section 53. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.192, last amended by Amended
30 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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32 **((30.53A.192)) 30.53A.105.1.2 Types of permits.**

33 Section 105.1.2 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

34 There shall be five types of permits:

35 (1) *Operational permit.* An operational permit allows the applicant to conduct an operation or a
36 business for which a permit is required for either:

37 (a) A prescribed period.

38 (b) Until renewed or revoked.

39 (2) *Construction permit.* A construction permit allows the applicant to install or modify systems
40 and equipment for which a permit is required by ((SCC 30.53A.332 through 30.53A.358))
41 chapter 30.53A SCC. Construction permits are issued under chapter 30.50 SCC.

42 (3) *Fireworks permit.* Fireworks permits shall be required and appealed as provided for in SCC
43 30.53A.702.

44 (4) *Special event permits.* Special event permits shall be required pursuant to SCC
45 30.53A.800.

46 (5) *Open burning.* A burn permit shall be required as provided for in Section 307.2 IFC.

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48 Section 54. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.194, last amended by Amended

1 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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3 Section 55. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.195, added by Amended
4 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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6 Section 56. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.196, last amended by Amended
7 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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9 Section 57. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.198, last amended by Amended
10 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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12 Section 58. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.200, last amended by Amended
13 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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15 Section 59. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.202, last amended by Amended
16 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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18 Section 60. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.204, last amended by Amended
19 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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21 Section 61. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.206, last amended by Amended
22 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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24 Section 62. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.208, last amended by Amended
25 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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27 **~~((30.53A.208))~~ 30.53A.105.3.1 Expiration.**

28 Section 105.3.1 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

29 An operational permit shall remain in effect until reissued, renewed, or revoked or for such a
30 period of time as specified in the permit. Construction permits shall be obtained as required by
31 chapter 30.50 SCC. If a permit has expired or been revoked, a new permit shall be obtained
32 prior to recommencing work. Permits are not transferable and any change in occupancy,
33 operation, tenancy or ownership shall require that a new permit be issued.

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35 Section 63. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.210, last amended by Amended
36 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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38 Section 64. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.212, last amended by Amended
39 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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41 Section 65. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.214, last amended by Amended
42 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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44 **~~((30.53A.214))~~ 30.53A.105.3.4 Conditional permits/temporary certificate of occupancy.**

45 Section 105.3.4 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

46 Where permits are required and upon the request of a permit applicant, the fire marshal is
47 authorized to issue a conditional permit or temporary certificate of occupancy to occupy the
48 premises or portion thereof before the entire work or operations on the premises is completed,

1 provided that such portion or portions will be occupied safely prior to full completion or
2 installation of equipment and operations without endangering life or public welfare. The fire
3 marshal shall notify the permit applicant in writing of any limitations or restrictions necessary to
4 keep the permit area safe. The holder of a conditional permit shall proceed only to the point for
5 which approval has been given, at the permit holder's own risk and without assurance that
6 approval for the occupancy or the utilization of the entire premises, equipment or operations will
7 be granted.

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9 Section 66. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.216, last amended by Amended
10 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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12 Section 67. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.218, last amended by Amended
13 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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15 **((30.53A.218)) 30.53A.105.3.6 Compliance with code.**

16 **Section 105.3.6 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:**

17 The issuance or granting of a permit shall not be construed to be a permit for, or an approval of,
18 any violation of any of the provisions of the fire code or of any other SCC provision. Permits
19 presuming to give authority to violate or cancel any SCC provision shall not be valid. The
20 issuance of a permit based on construction documents and other data shall not prevent the fire
21 marshal from requiring the correction of errors in the construction documents and other data.
22 Any addition to or alteration of approved construction documents shall be approved in advance
23 by the fire marshal, as evidenced by the issuance of a new or amended permit.

24
25 Section 68. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.220, last amended by Amended
26 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

27
28 Section 69. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.221, last amended by Amended
29 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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31 Section 70. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.222, last amended by Amended
32 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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34 Section 71. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.223, last amended by Amended
35 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

36
37 Section 72. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.224, last amended by Amended
38 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

39
40 Section 73. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.225, last amended by Amended
41 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

42
43 Section 74. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.226, last amended by Amended
44 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

45
46 Section 75. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.228, last amended by Amended
47 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

1 Section 76. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.229, last amended by Amended
2 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

3
4 Section 77. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.230, last amended by Amended
5 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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7 **((30.53A.230-Corrected documents-)) 30.53A.106.3 Amended construction documents.**

8 Section 106.3 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

9 Where field conditions necessitate any substantial change from the approved construction
10 documents, the fire marshal shall have the authority to require the corrected construction
11 documents to be submitted for approval.

12
13 Section 78. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.232, last amended by Amended
14 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

15
16 Section 79. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.234, last amended by Amended
17 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

18
19 **((30.53A.234)) 30.53A.105.4 Revocation.**

20 Section 105.4 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

21 The fire marshal is authorized to revoke a permit issued under the provisions of the fire code
22 and pursuant to SCC 30.71.027 or SCC 30.85.310 when it is found by inspection or otherwise
23 that there has been a false statement or misrepresentation as to the material facts in the
24 application or construction documents on which the permit or approval was based including, but
25 not limited to, any of the following:

- 26 (1) The permit is used for a location or establishment other than that for which it was issued.
27 (2) The permit is used for a condition or activity other than that listed in the permit.
28 (3) Conditions and limitations set forth in the permit have been violated.
29 (4) There have been false statements or misrepresentations of material fact in the permit
30 application or required plans used as a basis for issuing or conditioning the permit.
31 (5) The permit is used by a different person or firm than the name for which it was issued.
32 (6) The permittee failed, refused or neglected to comply with orders or notices duly served in
33 accordance with the provisions of the fire code within the time ((provide)) provided.
34 (7) The permit was issued in error or in violation of an ordinance, regulation or the fire code.

35
36 Section 80. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.236, last amended by Amended
37 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

38
39 **((30.53A.236)) 30.53A.105.5 Required operational permits.**

40 Section 105.5 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

41 The fire marshal is authorized to issue operational permits for operations set forth in ((SCC
42 30.53A.242, 30.53A.260, 30.53A.284 and 30.53A.308)) IFC Sections 105.5.4 Aviation
43 Facilities, 105.5.12 Cutting and Welding, 105.5.25 Hot Work Operations, and 105.5.41 Private
44 Fire Hydrants when the operation is not a condition of a certificate of occupancy.

45
46 Section 81. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.240, last amended by Amended
47 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

1 **~~((30.53A.240))~~ 30.53A.105.5.3 Amusement buildings.**

2 Section 105.5.3 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

3 A special event permit is required to operate a special amusement building, not covered by a
4 certificate of occupancy.

5
6 Section 82. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.242, last amended by Amended
7 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

8
9 Section 83. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.244, last amended by Amended
10 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

11
12 **~~((30.53A.244))~~ 30.53A.105.5.5 Carnivals and fairs.**

13 Section 105.5.5 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

14 A special event permit is required to conduct a carnival or fair.

15
16 Section 84. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.260, last amended by Amended
17 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

18
19 **~~((30.53A.260))~~ 30.53A.105.5.12 Cutting and welding.**

20 Section 105.5.12 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

21 An operational permit is required to conduct cutting or welding operations when the operation is
22 not a condition of the certificate of occupancy or construction permit.

23
24 Section 85. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.264, last amended by Amended
25 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

26
27 **~~((30.53A.264))~~ 30.53A.105.5.15 Exhibits and trade shows.**

28 Section 105.5.15 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

29 A special event permit is required to operate exhibits and trade shows when the operation is not
30 a condition of a certificate of occupancy.

31
32 Section 86. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.284, last amended by Amended
33 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

34
35 Section 87. A new section is added to Chapter 30.53A of the Snohomish County Code
36 to read:

37
38 **30.53A.105.5.29 LP-Gas**

39 Section 105.5.29 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

40 An operational permit is required for:

41 (1) Storage and use of LP-gas.

42 Exception: A permit is not required for individual containers with a 125 gallon (473 L) water
43 capacity or less or multiple container systems having an aggregate quantity not exceeding
44 125 gallons (473 L), serving occupancies in Group R-3.

45 (2) Operation of cargo tankers that transport LP-gas.

46
47 Section 88. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.297 added by Amended
48 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

Section 89. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.298, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is amended to read:

((30.53A.298)) 30.53A.105.5.34 Open burning.

Section 105.5.34 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

A burn permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground.

The following prohibitions and requirements apply to all outdoor burning:

(1) *Size of permitted burn pile for natural unprocessed vegetation.* The size of a permitted burn pile comprised of dry yard and garden waste shall not exceed four x four x three feet.

(2) *Prohibited materials.* The following materials may not be burned in any outdoor fire:

Garbage, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, plastics, paper (other than what is necessary to start a fire), cardboard, treated wood, construction/demolition debris, metal, or any substance (other than natural vegetation) that normally releases toxic emissions, dense smoke, or obnoxious odors when burned.

(3) *Hauled material.* No outdoor fire may contain material (other than firewood) that has been hauled from an area where outdoor burning of the material is prohibited under WAC 173-425-040. Any outdoor burning of material hauled from areas where outdoor burning of the material is allowed requires an appropriate permit under WAC 173-425-060(2).

(4) Open fires at county landfill sites are prohibited.

(5) *Urban growth areas.* Residential burning and land clearing burning may not be allowed in any urban growth areas.

(6) *Curtailments.* No outdoor fire may be ignited in a geographical area where:

(a) Ecology has declared an air pollution episode;

(b) Ecology or a local air authority has declared impaired air quality; or

(c) A burn ban is in effect.

(7) *Unlawful outdoor burning.* It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow outdoor burning that causes an emission of smoke or any other air contaminant that is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of any person, that causes damage to property or business, or that causes a nuisance.

(8) *Recreational fires.* When allowed recreational fires as defined in the IFC do not require a burn permit.

Section 90. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.308, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

Section 91. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.310, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

((30.53A.310)) 30.53A.105.5.42 Pyrotechnic special effects material.

Section 105.5.42 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

A special event permit is required for use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material.

Section 92. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.324, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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2 **((30.53A.324)) 30.53A.105.5.49 Temporary membrane structures, tents and canopies.**

3 Section 105.5.49 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

4 A special event permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or
5 a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m²).

6 **Exceptions.**

- 7 (1) Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
8 (2) Tents open on all sides which comply with all of the following:
9 (a) Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m²).
10 (b) The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break
11 clearance of not less than 12 feet (3,658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m²)
12 total.
13 (c) A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3,658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be
14 provided.

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16 Section 93. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332, last amended by Amended
17 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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19 Section 94. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.2, last amended by Amended
20 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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22 Section 95. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.4, last amended by Amended
23 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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25 Section 96. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.6, added by Amended
26 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

27
28 Section 97. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.8, last amended by Amended
29 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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31 Section 98. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.10, last amended by Amended
32 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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34 Section 99. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.12, added by Amended
35 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

36
37 Section 100. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.14, last amended by
38 Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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40 Section 101. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.16, last amended by
41 Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

42
43 Section 102. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.18, last amended by
44 Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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46 Section 103. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.20, added by Amended
47 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

1 Section 104. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.22, added by Amended
2 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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4 Section 105. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.24, added by Amended
5 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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7 Section 106. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.26, last amended by
8 Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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10 Section 107. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.28, added by Amended
11 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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13 Section 108. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.30, last amended by
14 Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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16 Section 109. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.32, last amended by
17 Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

18
19 Section 110. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.34, last amended by
20 Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is amended to read:

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22 **((~~30.53A.332.34~~)) 30.53A.105.6.17 ((Marijuana)) Plant extraction systems, including**
23 **marijuana.**

24 Section 105.6.17 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

25 A construction permit is required to install a plant ((~~marijuana/cannabis~~)) extraction system,
26 including marijuana/cannabis as regulated under WAC 314-55-104. Maintenance performed
27 under the fire code is not considered to be a modification and does not require a permit.

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29 Section 111. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.36, added by Amended
30 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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32 Section 112. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.38, added by Amended
33 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

34
35 Section 113. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.40, last amended by
36 Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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38 Section 114. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.42, added by Amended
39 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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41 Section 115. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.44, added by Amended
42 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

43
44 Section 116. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.46, added by Amended
45 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

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47 Section 117. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.48, last amended by
48 Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

Section 118. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.50, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

Section 119. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.332.52, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

Section 120. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.358, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

~~((30.53A.358))~~ 30.53A.105.6.24 Temporary membrane structures, tents and canopies.

Section 105.6.24 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

A special event permit is required to erect an air-supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m²).

Exceptions:

- (1) Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
- (2) Funeral tents and curtains or extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.
- (3) Tents and awnings open on all sides which comply with all of the following:
 - (a) Individual tents shall have a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m²).
 - (b) The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3,658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65m²) total.
 - (c) A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3,658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be maintained.

Section 121. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.360, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 17-058 on October 18, 2017, is repealed.

Section 122. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.361, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

~~((30.53A.361))~~ 30.53A.108.2 Inspections.

Section 108.2 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

- (1) The fire marshal is authorized to conduct inspections on buildings and premises, including such other hazards or appliances designated by the fire marshal for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions which would reasonably tend to cause fire or contribute to its spread, or any violation of the fire code and of any other law or standard affecting fire safety as deemed necessary to determine the extent of compliance with the provisions of the fire code.
- (2) The fire marshal is authorized to approve inspection reports by approved agencies or individuals. All reports of such inspections shall be prepared and submitted in writing for review and approval. Inspection reports shall be certified by a responsible officer of such approved agency or by the responsible individual.
- (3) The fire marshal is authorized to engage additional expert opinion as deemed necessary by the director to report upon unusual, detailed or complex technical issues.
- (4) There shall be a fire inspection annually or as often as deemed necessary by the fire marshal for the purpose of renewing certificates of occupancy for all buildings or structures in groups A, B, E (with more than 6 persons), F, H, I, M, R-1, R-2, R-4, S, and U, occupancies. An inspection fee shall be charged in accordance with SCC 30.86.430 for each inspection required.

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2 Section 123. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.362, last amended by Amended
3 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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5 Section 124. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.363, last amended by Amended
6 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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8 Section 125. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.364, last amended by Amended
9 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.
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11 Section 126. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.366, last amended by Amended
12 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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14 Section 127. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.368, last amended by Amended
15 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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17 Section 128. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.370, last amended by Amended
18 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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20 Section 129. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.372, last amended by Amended
21 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.
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23 Section 130. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.374, last amended by Amended
24 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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26 Section 131. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.376, last amended by Amended
27 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
28

29 Section 132. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.378, last amended by Amended
30 Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.
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32 Section 133. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.380, last amended by Amended
33 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
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35 Section 134. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.382, last amended by Amended
36 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.
37

38 Section 135. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.388, last amended by Amended
39 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:
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41 **~~((30.53A.388))~~ 30.53A.112.1 Unlawful acts ~~((and violations))~~.**

42 **Section 112.1 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:**

43 It shall be unlawful for a person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, alter, repair, remove,
44 demolish or utilize a building, occupancy, premises or system regulated by the fire code, or
45 cause same to be done, in conflict with or in violation of any of the provisions of the fire code.
46 Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be subject to enforcement action
47 pursuant to the fire code and chapter 30.85 SCC.
48

Section 136. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.390, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

((30.53A.390)) 30.53A.112.3 Warning notice and enforcement.

Section 112.3 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

When the fire marshal finds a building, premises, vehicle, storage facility or outdoor area that is in violation of the fire code, the fire marshal is authorized to issue a warning notice or to initiate enforcement action in accordance with the procedures of chapter 30.85 SCC.

Section 137. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.392, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

((30.53A.392)) 30.53A.112.3.1 Service.

Section 112.3.1 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

Warning notices and enforcement actions shall be served in accordance with the requirements in SCC 30.85.080 and 30.85.250.

Section 138. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.394, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

Section 139. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.396, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

((30.53A.396)) 30.53A.112.3.3 Prosecution of violations.

Section 112.3.3 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

Prosecution of a violation shall be subject to the provisions in chapter 30.85 SCC. The fire marshal may refer such violations, as necessary, to the prosecuting attorney to institute the appropriate legal proceedings at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate such violation or to require removal or termination of the unlawful occupancy of the structure in violation of the provisions of the fire code or of the order pursuant to this chapter and chapter 30.85 SCC.

Section 140. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.398, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

Section 141. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.400, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 16-050 on August 17, 2016, is amended to read:

((30.53A.400)) 30.53A.112.4 Violation penalties.

Section 112.4 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

Persons who violate a provision of the fire code or fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erect, install, alter, repair, or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire marshal, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of the fire code, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by law and chapter 30.85 SCC; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, any violation of SCC 30.53A.722 is a class 1 civil infraction punishable as provided by law and by chapter 10.70 SCC.

Section 142. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.402, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

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2 **((30.53A.402)) 30.53A.112.4.1 Abatement of violation.**

3 Section 112.4.1 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

4 The fire marshal is authorized to institute appropriate action to prevent unlawful construction or
5 to restrain, correct or abate a violation; or to prevent illegal occupancy of a structure or
6 premises; or to stop an illegal act, conduct of business or occupancy of a structure on or about
7 any premises. The abatement procedures in SCC 30.85.320 shall apply.

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9 Section 143. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.404, last amended by Amended
10 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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12 Section 144. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.406, last amended by Amended
13 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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15 Section 145. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.408, last amended by Amended
16 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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18 Section 146. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.410, last amended by Amended
19 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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21 Section 147. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.412, last amended by Amended
22 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

23
24 Section 148. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.414, last amended by Amended
25 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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27 Section 149. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.416, last amended by Amended
28 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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30 Section 150. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.418, last amended by Amended
31 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

32
33 **((30.53A.418)) 30.53A.113.2 Issuance of stop work order.**

34 Section 113.2. of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

35 Stop work orders shall be issued pursuant to SCC 30.85.230.

36
37 Section 151. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.420, last amended by Amended
38 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

39
40 **((30.53A.420)) 30.53A.113.3 Emergency order.**

41 Section 113.3 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

42 The fire marshal is authorized to issue an emergency order pursuant to SCC 30.85.240.

43
44 Section 152. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.422, last amended by Amended
45 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

1 **~~((30.53A.422)) 30.53A.113.4~~ Failure to comply with stop work or emergency order.**

2 Section 113.4 of the International Fire Code is amended to read:

3 Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order or
4 emergency order except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or
5 unsafe condition, shall be subject to additional enforcement action prescribed in SCC 30.85.090
6 and SCC 30.85.130.

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8 Section 153. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.430, last amended by Amended
9 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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11 Section 154. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.440, last amended by Amended
12 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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14 Section 155. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.442, last amended by Amended
15 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

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17 Section 156. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.444, last amended by Amended
18 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

19
20 Section 157. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.446, last amended by Amended
21 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

22
23 Section 158. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.448, last amended by Amended
24 Ordinance No. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is repealed.

25
26 Section 159. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.500, last amended by Amended
27 Ordinance No. Ord. 14-059 on August 27, 2014, is amended to read:

28
29 **~~((30.53A.500)) 30.53A.202~~ Section 202 Definitions of the IFC - amended.**

30 Section 202 of the IFC is amended to add or amend the following definitions:

- 31 (1) A definition of "CHIEF" is added as to read:
32 "CHIEF" means the Snohomish County Fire Marshal or fire code official.
- 33 (2) The definition of "CHIEF OF POLICE or POLICE DEPARTMENT" is added to read:
34 "CHIEF OF POLICE or POLICE DEPARTMENT" means the Snohomish County Sheriff
35 or Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.
- 36 (3) A definition of "COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCY" is added to read:
37 "COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCY" means groups A, B, E, F, H, I, M, R-1, R-2, R-4, S,
38 and U (if a certificate of occupancy is issued by the building official) occupancies as
39 defined in section 202 of the IFC.
- 40 (4) A definition of "FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT" is added to read:
41 "FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT" means the fire district responsible for fire protection
42 in the area.
- 43 (5) A definition of "FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION" is added to read:
44 "FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION (FDC)" means that interface on a standpipe or
45 sprinkler system where a fire hose hooks up to the sprinkler system or standpipe.
- 46 (6) A definition of "FIRE FLOW" is added to read:
47 "FIRE FLOW" means the rate of water delivery needed for the sole purpose of fighting
48 fires. The fire flow volume shall be in addition to the requirements of the water system

- for domestic demand, and a 20 psi residual pressure should be maintained throughout the system under combined maximum demand flow conditions.
- (7) A definition of "FIRE HYDRANT" is added to read:
"FIRE HYDRANT" means a mechanical device which is self draining, frost free, and is constructed to provide the required fire flow for the area serviced.
- (8) A definition of "PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANT" is added to read:
"PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANT" means a fire hydrant which is situated and maintained so as to provide water for fire fighting purposes with restrictions as to its use or accessibility by the public.
- (9) A definition of "PUBLIC HYDRANT" is added to read:
"PUBLIC HYDRANT" means a fire hydrant which is dedicated or otherwise permanently appropriated to the public for public use.
- (10) A definition of "PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM" is added to read:
"PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM" means any system or water supply intended to be used for human consumption or other domestic uses, including, but not limited to sources, treatment, storage, transmission and distribution facilities where water is furnished to any community, collection or number of individuals, or is made available to the public for human consumption or domestic use, excluding water systems serving a single family residence, water systems existing prior to September 21, 1977, which are owner operated and serve less than ten single family residences, and water systems serving no more than one industrial plant.
- (11) A definition of "WATER PURVEYOR" is added to read:
"WATER PURVEYOR" means a federal, state, or county agency, or city, town, municipal, corporation, firm, company, association, corporation, partnership, district, institution, person or persons, owning or operating a public or private water system.
- (12) A definition of "WATER MAIN" is added to read:
"WATER MAIN" means the piping used or which may be used to deliver domestic or industrial water and/or fire flows intended for fire protection in amounts prescribed in this chapter, and excludes storage facilities, hydrants, and service connections.

Section 160. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.502, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 11-024 on August 3, 2011, is amended to read:

~~((30.53A.502))~~ 30.53A.302.1 Open burning definitions - added.

Section ~~((302))~~ 302.1 of the IFC is amended to add the following definitions:

"OPEN BURNING" means the burning of natural vegetation in an outdoor location and categorized as residential for the purposes of permit issuance.

"OPEN BURNING - RESIDENTIAL" means the outdoor burning of leaves, clippings, prunings and other yard and gardening refuse originating on lands immediately adjacent and in close proximity to a human dwelling and burned on such lands by the property owner or his or her designee.

Section 161. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.504, added by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 17-058 on October 18, 2017, is amended to read:

~~((30.53A.504))~~ 30.53A.307.1.1 Open burning - amended.

Section 307.1.1 of the IFC is amended to read:

- (1) Open burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fire hazardous.
Exception: Prescribed burning for the purpose of reducing the impact of wildland fire when authorized by the fire marshal.
- (2) Open fires are prohibited at all county operated landfill sites, and all county personnel are directed to take necessary steps to prevent and extinguish such fires.
- (3) Where open burning permits have been issued by the fire marshal, open burning shall be suspended when a burn ban by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) is issued and shall not be resumed until the burn ban is lifted.

Section 162. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.506, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 17-058 on October 18, 2017, is amended to read:

~~((30.53A.506))~~ 30.53A.308.3 Group A occupancies - amended.

A new exception is added to section 308.3 of the IFC to read:

- ~~((4))~~ 1.4. Where approved by the fire marshal when minimum IFC performance standards are met.

Section 163. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.510, added by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 07-087 on September 5, 2007, is amended to read:

~~((30.53A.510))~~ 30.53A.502 Definitions - amended (IFC 502).

Section ~~((502))~~ 502.1 of the IFC is amended as follows:

- (1) A definition of "FIRE LANE" is added to read:

"FIRE LANE (FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD)" means any road or driving surface whether public or private that is maintained in accordance with locally adopted street, road and access standards.

~~((2) The definition of "FIRE DEPARTMENT" is deleted, and the following definition is added:))~~

A definition of "FIRE DEPARTMENT" is added to read:

~~"FIRE DEPARTMENT" means the office of the county fire marshal.))~~

- ~~((3))~~ (2) A definition of "TURNAROUND" is added to read:

"TURNAROUND" shall mean a cul-de-sac having a driving surface with a minimum 40-foot outside radii.

Section 164. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.512, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is amended to read:

~~((30.53A.512))~~ 30.53A.503 Fire apparatus access roads - replaced.

Section 503 of the IFC is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

503.1 Where required. Fire apparatus access roads shall be provided and maintained in accordance with sections 503.1.1 through 503.1.3.

503.1.1 Buildings and facilities. Fire apparatus access roads shall be provided in accordance with sections 501 and 503 of the IFC for every facility, building or portion of a building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the county when any portion of the facility or any portion of an exterior wall of the first story of the building is located more than 150 feet from fire apparatus access as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility. See also section 504 of the IFC for

1 personnel access to buildings. When access roads cannot be installed due to location
2 on property, topography, waterways, nonnegotiable grades or other similar conditions,
3 the fire marshal is authorized to require alternative fire protection.

4 Exceptions:

5 1. When buildings are completely protected with an approved automatic fire sprinkler
6 system installed in accordance with this chapter, the fire apparatus access road
7 requirements may be modified by the fire marshal.

8 2. When there are no more than two dwelling units, or Group U Occupancies, the
9 requirements of sections 503.1.1 and 503.2 of the IFC may be modified by the fire
10 marshal.

11 503.1.2 Additional access. More than one fire apparatus road shall be provided when it
12 is determined by the fire marshal that access by a single road might be impaired by
13 vehicle congestion, condition of terrain, climatic conditions or other factors that could
14 limit access. For high-piled combustible storage, section 3206.6 of the IFC applies. For
15 required access during construction, alteration or demolition of a building, section
16 1410.1 of the IFC applies.

17 503.1.3 High piled storage. Fire department vehicle access to buildings used for high-
18 piled combustible storage shall comply with the applicable provisions of chapter 23 of
19 the IFC.

20 503.2 Specifications. Fire apparatus roads shall be installed and arranged in
21 accordance with sections 503.2.1 through 503.2.8, as modified by this chapter.

22 503.2.1 Dimensions. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of
23 not less than 20 feet (6096 mm), exclusive of shoulders, except for approved security
24 gates in accordance with section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of 13
25 feet and 6 inches (4115 mm).

26 503.2.2 Authority. Vertical clearances of 13 feet and 6 inches in height or widths of 20'
27 shall be increased when, in the opinion of the fire marshal, vertical clearances or widths
28 are not adequate to provide fire apparatus access.

29 503.2.3 Surface. All fire apparatus access roadways shall be constructed of either
30 gravel, asphalt or some other all-weather surface capable of supporting vehicles
31 consistent with Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS).

32 503.2.4 Turning Radius. Turns, bends, or sweeps in fire apparatus access roadways
33 shall be designed at not less than 20-foot inside-turning radius nor less than 40-foot
34 outside-turning radius. For private dead-end fire lanes ending with a permanent
35 hammerhead, the minimum inside turning radius shall be 25-feet. For private road
36 network elements the fire marshal may require a minimum turning radius of 25 feet
37 (inside radius) and 45 feet (outside radius) for fire lanes that serve structures over 30
38 feet in height.

39 503.2.5 Dead ends. Dead-end fire apparatus access roads in excess of 150 feet in
40 length shall be provided with a turnaround unless a modification is granted by the fire
41 marshal. Dead-end fire apparatus access roads that exceed 1,200 feet in length shall
42 be provided with intermediate turnarounds to provide adequate fire apparatus turn-
43 around or the fire marshal is authorized to require additional fire protection.

44 503.2.6 Bridges. When a bridge is required to be used as part of a fire apparatus
45 access road, it shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the department
46 of public works engineering design and development standards adopted by the county.
47 The bridge shall be designed to carry an AASHTO (American Association of State
48 Highway and Traffic Officials) HL-93 Load Resistance Factor Design method live load

1 or greater. Bridges shall be sufficient to carry the imposed loads of fire apparatus.
2 Vehicle load limits shall be posted at both entrances to bridges when required by the
3 fire marshal.
4 503.2.7 Grade. The gradient for a fire apparatus access road shall not exceed 15
5 percent. Cul-de-sac bulb grades shall not exceed six percent.
6 503.3 Marking. Where required by the fire marshal, approved signs or other approved
7 notices or markings that include the words NO PARKING - FIRE LANE shall be
8 provided for fire apparatus roads to identify such roads or prohibit the obstruction
9 thereof. The means by which fire lanes are designated shall be maintained in a clean or
10 legible condition at all times and be replaced or repaired when necessary to provide
11 adequate visibility.
12 503.4 Obstruction of fire apparatus access roads. Fire apparatus access roads shall
13 not be obstructed in any manner, including the parking of vehicles.
14 503.5 Required gates or barricade. The fire marshal is authorized to require the
15 installation and maintenance of gates or other approved barricades across fire
16 apparatus access roads, trails or other accessways, not including public streets, alleys
17 or highways. Electric gate operators, where provided, shall be listed in accordance with
18 UL 325. Gates intended for automatic operation shall be designed, constructed and
19 installed to comply with the requirements of ASTM F 2200.
20 503.5.1 Entrances secured by gates or barriers. Entrances to roads, trails or other
21 access way which have been closed with gates and barriers in accordance with section
22 503.5 of the IFC shall not be obstructed by parked vehicles.
23 503.6 Gates accessing residential developments. Gates installed in a residential
24 community shall be equipped with a strobe activation device unless the local fire district
25 does not have the capability to activate such device and another device is approved by
26 the local fire district. Minimum gate width opening shall be 20 feet. The gate is required
27 to open automatically with the approach of emergency vehicles. In the event of a loss
28 of power, the gate shall open automatically and remain in the open position until power
29 is restored.
30 Exemption: 2 or fewer dwelling units as approved by the local fire district.
31 503.7 Split entries to plats, short plats and single-family detached units (SFDU). Split
32 entries into plats, short plats and SFDUs shall be allowed where each aisle (lane) is at
33 least 14 feet in width.
34 503.8 Cul-de-sac Planters. Planters may be installed in cul-de-sacs when the outside
35 radius of the cul-de-sac is a minimum of 50 feet and the inside radius is a minimum of
36 25 feet.

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38 Section 165. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.513, last amended by Amended
39 Ordinance No. Ord. 12-018 on May 2, 2012, is amended to read:

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41 **~~((30.53A.513))~~ 30.53A.505.1 Address identification - replaced.**

42 Section 505.1 of the IFC is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

- 43 (1) New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building
44 numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible
45 and visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address numbers shall meet
46 the following requirements:
47 (a) Contrast with their background;
48 (b) Arabic numerals or alphabetical letters;

- (c) Sized pursuant to Table 30.53A.513(1), except the minimum size for commercial occupancies is ~~((six))~~ eight inches; and
- (d) Minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).
- (2) Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.

Table 30.53A.513(1) Address Numbering Size Table

Distance From Road (in feet)	Minimum Size (in inches)
0-50	4
51-100	6
101-150	8
151-200	10
201-300	12
301 and up	18

Section 166. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.514, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 17-058 on October 18, 2017, is amended to read:

~~((30.53A.514))~~ 30.53A.507.1 Fire protection water supply - replaced.

Section 507.1 of the IFC is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

- (1) The minimum water supply requirements contained in this section shall apply to land use and construction permit actions subject to this title, or to any other existing or future code provision in which compliance with the fire code is specifically required. Water mains and fire hydrants shall meet the required minimum standards for water mains and fire hydrants. These requirements shall apply to land use and construction permit actions subject to this title, or to any other existing or future code provision in which compliance with the fire code is specifically required.
- (2) In administering these requirements, the fire marshal or the fire marshal's designee shall have the authority to impose conditions on permits issued under this title where necessary to mitigate fire hazards.
- (3) A water supply shall consist of reservoirs, pressure tanks, elevated tanks, water mains or other fixed systems capable of providing the required fire flow. Required water supply for fire protection shall include:
- (a) An approved water supply capable of supplying the required water flow for fire protection shall be provided to premises upon which facilities, buildings or portions of buildings are hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdictions.
- (b) All land upon which buildings or portions of buildings are or may be constructed, erected, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved into the jurisdiction, or improved, shall be served by a water supply designed to meet the required fire flow for fire protection as set out in appendix B of the IFC, except that fire flow requirements for rural areas outside of an Urban Growth Area shall be reduced by 25 percent. ~~((Fire flow requirements for structures with a supervised fire alarm system connected to an~~

Underwriters Laboratory, Inc. approved fire alarm center may be reduced by an additional 25 percent.))

(c) Prior to final approval of any subdivision or short subdivision, written verification by the water purveyor of actual fire flow, calculated in accordance with appendix B of the IFC, shall be provided to the fire marshal for review and approval.

(d) Prior to combustible construction of a single-family detached unit (SFDU) project the developer shall provide a final certificate of water availability indicating that all hydrants have been installed, charged and are operational. The hydrants shall provide a minimum 1,000 gpm for a 1-hour duration at 20 psi.

Exemptions: Except as provided in IFC section 507, the following permits and approvals are exempt from the water supply and fire hydrant requirements of this chapter:

(1) Subdivisions and short subdivisions in which all lots have a lot area of 43,560 square feet (one acre) or more in size;

(2) Building permits for structures classified by the building code as Group U occupancies (agricultural buildings, private garages; carports and sheds) that are restricted to private residential use only, provided that riding arenas or other agricultural type structures used or accessed by the public shall not be exempt;

(3) A building permit for a single family detached dwelling, duplex, or mobile home to be placed on a lot with a lot area of 43,560 square feet (one acre) or more in size; and

(4) Mobile home permits for mobile homes in established mobile home parks.

Section 167. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.515, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

Section 168. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.516, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 17-058 on October 18, 2017, is amended to read:

((30.53A.516)) 30.53A.C103.4 Fire hydrant spacing - added.

A new paragraph is added to C103 of Appendix C of the IFC to read as follows:

(1) Fire hydrant locations shall be determined by the fire marshal, in coordination with the water purveyor, and pursuant to the requirements of Appendix C of the IFC subject to the following exceptions:

(a) Fire hydrants serving single family dwellings or duplexes shall have a maximum lateral spacing of 600 feet with no lot or parcel in excess of 300 feet from a fire hydrant. Fire hydrants serving single-family dwellings in single-family detached units (SFDU) projects shall have a maximum lateral spacing of 600 feet with no single-family dwelling in excess of 300 feet from a fire hydrant; and

(b) Where the buildings are protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system, the spacing requirements may be modified, if in the opinion of the fire marshal or his designee, the level of fire protection is not reduced.

(2) For dead-end streets or roads the fire marshal may make adjustments to the lateral spacing requirements to facilitate locating the hydrant at or near the street intersection and hydrants shall be located at, or near street intersections whenever possible.

(3) All hydrants shall be accessible to the fire department by roadways or accesses meeting the requirements of ((30.53A.512)) SCC 30.53A.503.

1 (4) When hydrants cannot be installed in conformance with the spacing requirements of
2 this chapter, the fire marshal shall confer with the water purveyor and provide for
3 alternate locations as allowed by the fire code.
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5 Section 169. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.518, last amended by Amended
6 Ordinance No. Ord. 17-058 on October 18, 2017, is amended to read:
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8 **~~((30.53A.518))~~ 30.53A.507.5.1 Hydrant systems - where required - amended.**

9 Section 507.5.1 of the IFC is amended to read:

10 Where a portion of the facility or building hereafter constructed or moved into or within
11 the jurisdiction is more than ~~((450))~~ 300 feet from a hydrant on a fire apparatus access
12 road, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the facility or building,
13 on-site fire hydrants and mains shall be provided, where required by the fire marshal.

14 Exceptions:

15 (1) For Group R-3 and Group U occupancies, the distance requirements shall be
16 ~~((300))~~ 500 feet.

17 (2) For buildings equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system
18 installed in accordance with this chapter, the distance requirement shall be ~~((300))~~ 500
19 feet.
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21 Section 170. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.520, last amended by Amended
22 Ordinance No. Ord. 17-058 on October 18, 2017, is amended to read:
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24 **~~((30.53A.520))~~ 30.53A.507.5.2 Inspection, testing and maintenance requirements -
25 replaced.**

26 Section 507.5.2 of the IFC is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

27 Fire hydrant systems shall be subject to periodic tests as required by the fire marshal.
28 Fire hydrant systems shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times and shall
29 be repaired where defective. Additions, repairs, alterations and servicing shall comply
30 with approved standards. The standards contained in this section apply to all new
31 hydrant installations and to replacement of existing hydrants on public water systems
32 that are required by the IFC to provide fire flow.

33 (1) The installation of all fire hydrants shall be in accordance with sound engineering
34 practices and supplied by mains as prescribed by this chapter. Hydrants shall be
35 installed, tested and charged prior to the start of construction, unless otherwise
36 approved by the fire marshal.

37 (2) Approval of fire hydrant types must be obtained prior to installation from the water
38 purveyor, or the fire marshal in the absence of a water purveyor.

39 (3) All elements of fire hydrant installation including water mains, pipes, valves, and
40 related components shall conform to the fire code, National Fire Protection Association
41 (NFPA) Standard 24, and American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standard
42 C502-94.

43 (4) Standard hydrants shall have not less than five-inch main valve openings (MVO)
44 with two two-and-one-half inch National Hose (N.H.) outlet ports and one four-and-one-
45 half inch N.H. outlet port. When two port hydrants are replaced, they shall be replaced
46 with three port hydrants.

47 (5) "Storz" type steamer port fittings shall be provided on new hydrants when required
48 by the local fire district.

(6) Hydrants shall stand plumb and be set to the finished grade. The bottom of the lowest outlet of the hydrant shall be no less than 18 inches above the grade. There shall be a 36-inch radius of clear area about the hydrant for the operation of a hydrant wrench on the outlets and the control valve. The pumper port shall face the street, or where the street cannot be clearly identified, the port shall face the most likely route of approach of the fire truck while pumping, as determined by the fire marshal. The hydrant shall be installed within 15 feet of the street or access roadway.

(7) Hydrants shall be a minimum of 50 feet from a commercial structure to be served and no further than ~~((400))~~ 50 feet from a fire department connection (FDC) if present.

(8) The hydrant lateral shall be designed to deliver the required fire flow.

(9) Hydrants shall not be obstructed by structures, fences, the parking of vehicles, or vegetation. Hydrant visibility shall not be impaired within a distance of 75 feet in any direction of vehicular approach to the hydrant.

(10) Fire hydrant systems shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times and shall be repaired where defective. Additions, repairs, alterations and servicing shall be in accordance with approved standards. Fire hydrant systems shall be subject to such periodic tests as required by the fire marshal.

(11) When any portion of the facility or building protected is in excess of ~~((450))~~ 300 feet from a water supply on a public street, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the facility or building, on-site fire hydrants and mains capable of supplying the required fire flow shall be provided when required by the fire marshal.

(12) The fire district may, in accordance with an agreement with the water purveyor, test hydrants for flow capability.

(13) For all new hydrant installations, either public or private, the developer shall color code the tops of the hydrant(s) to designate the level of service being provided by that hydrant. Color coding for existing and new hydrants shall be in accordance with SCC Table ~~((30.53A.520(13)))~~ 30.53A.507.5.2(13).

Table ~~((30.53A.520(13)))~~ 30.53A.507.5.2(13) Hydrant Color Codes

Color Code for Hydrant	Level of Service
Light Blue	1,500 GPM or greater
Green	1,000 to 1,499 GPM
Orange	500 to 999 GPM
Red	Less than 500 GPM
Black	For drafting use only (hard suction/steamer port)
White	Cross on top of hydrant for filling tankers only

(14) For all new hydrant installations, either public or private, the developer shall install blue street reflectors to indicate hydrant locations. Installation of blue street reflectors shall be completed prior to final approval of any development or new construction.

(15) Maintenance of public hydrants shall be the responsibility of the recognized water purveyor. Private fire service hydrants and mains shall be protected and maintained by the owners in accordance with NFPA Standard 24.

(16) The water purveyor shall submit documentation to the fire marshal indicating which entity is responsible for proper installation, operation and maintenance of fire protection facilities associated with public water systems. The statement shall also indicate which fire district or utility is responsible for repair and maintenance of fire hydrants in unincorporated Snohomish County.

(17) Vehicles shall not be parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, or fire department connection, or a fire protection system control valve.

Section 171. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.522, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 17-058 on October 18, 2017, is amended to read:

~~((30.53A.522))~~ 30.53A.507.5.3 Water main specifications - added.

A new paragraph is added to section 507.5.3 IFC to read as follows:

The following requirements shall apply to all water main construction:

(1) Diameter. New or replaced private service water mains providing fire flow shall be a minimum of 6 inches in diameter and be designed to deliver fire flow required by the fire code. All dead end private service water mains in excess of 50 feet which provide fire flow shall be a minimum 8 inches in diameter.

(2) Future replacement. When existing private service water mains are replaced, replacement private service mains shall be sized to meet minimum fire flow requirements.

Section 172. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.534, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 17-058 on October 18, 2017, is repealed.

Section 173. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.536, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is repealed.

Section 174. Snohomish County Code Section 30.53A.538, added by Amended Ordinance No. Ord. 21-031 on July 14, 2021, is amended to read:

~~((30.53A.538))~~ 30.53A.B105.2 Appendix B Table B105.2.

Table B105.2 of Appendix B of the IFC is amended to read:

Table B105.2 REQUIRED FIRE FLOW FOR BUILDINGS OTHER THAN ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS, GROUP R-3 AND R-4 BUILDINGS AND TOWNHOUSES

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM (Design Standard)	MINIMUM FIRE FLOW (gallons per minute)	FLOW DURATION (hours)
No automatic sprinkler system	Value in Table B105.1(2)	Duration in Table B105.1(2)
Section 903.3.1.1 of the International Fire Code	50% of the value in Table B105.1(2) ^a	Duration in Table B105.1(2) at the reduced flow rate

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM (Design Standard)	MINIMUM FIRE FLOW (gallons per minute)	FLOW DURATION (hours)
Section 903.3.1.2 of the International Fire Code	50% of the value in Table B105.1(2) ^b	Duration in Table B105.1(2) at the reduced flow rate

For SI: 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.

a The reduced fire flow shall be not less than 1,000 gallons per minute.

b The reduced fire flow shall be not less than 1,500 gallons per minute.

Section 175. A new section is added to Chapter 30.53A of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.53A.903.2 Existing commercial buildings.

Section 903.2 of the IFC is amended to read:

Automatic sprinkler systems as defined in the IBC or IFC shall be provided throughout any existing commercial building renovated, added to, or altered whose combined fire areas exceed 10,000 square feet.

Section 176. A new chapter titled Wildland Urban Interface Code is added to Snohomish County Code to read:

**Chapter 30.53D
Wildland Urban Interface Code**

Section:

30.53D.010 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code – adopted.

30.53D.010 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code – adopted.

The 2021 edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code published by the International Code Council Inc., as codified at RCW 19.27.560, is adopted and incorporated and made a part of this chapter by reference. Under RCW 19.27.560(1), the state building code shall, upon the completion of a statewide wildfire hazard map and a base-level wildfire risk map for each county of the state, consist of the technical provisions of RCW 19.27.560. Such provisions will become enforceable upon the state's completion of a statewide wildfire hazard map and a base-level wildfire risk map.

Section 177. A new chapter titled International Green Construction Code is added to Snohomish County Code to read:

**Chapter 30.53E
International Green Construction Code**

Sections:

30.53E.010 International Green Construction Code (IgCC) – adopted on a voluntary basis.

30.53E.101.1 Title.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-037

RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF CONSTRUCTION; ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODES AS AMENDED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL; AND AMENDING AND ADDING SECTIONS IN SUBTITLE 30.5 SCC

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7 **30.53E.010 International Green Construction Code (IgCC) – adopted on a voluntary basis.**

8 The 2021 edition of the International Green Construction Code (IgCC), published by the
9 International Code Council is adopted and incorporated and made a part of this chapter by
10 reference. Application of the IgCC is voluntary except as otherwise expressly amended by this
11 chapter. This code is intended to be used as a guide for developments seeking IgCC
12 certification. The IgCC is compatible with both LEED and Green Building standards, as outlined
13 in Appendix L, LEED standards, and Appendix M, residential compliance with the National
14 Green Building Standard.
15

16 **30.53E.101.1 Title.**

17 Section 101.1 of the IgCC is amended to read:

18 These regulations shall be known as the Green Construction Code of Snohomish County,
19 hereinafter referred to as "this code" within this chapter.
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21 **30.53E.101.5 Compliance.**

22 Section 101.5 of the IgCC is amended to read:

23 Building projects need not comply with this code, as it is meant to provide the minimum
24 requirements only for developments who are voluntarily seeking IgCC certification.
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26 **30.53E.101.5.1 Jurisdictional options.**

27 Section 101.5.1 of the IgCC is deleted in its entirety.
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29 **30.53E.103.1 Creation of agency.**

30 Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services and the director thereof
31 shall be known as "the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ)." The function of the agency shall be
32 the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the provisions of this code.
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34 **30.53E.200 Alternatives to the IgCC – Built Green.**

35 As an alternative to the IgCC, Snohomish County recognizes "Built Green" as a local and
36 voluntary green home certification program of the Master Builders Association. The Built Green
37 program requires third party verification and certifies 3-Star to 5-Star and Emerald Star levels
38 based on development metrics. All companies seeking to certify their project must join Built
39 Green as a member, with development requirements provided in detail in the member
40 handbook.
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42 Section 178. Severability and Savings. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of
43 this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
44 such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other
45 section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance. Provided, however, that if any section,
46 sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent
47 jurisdiction, then the section, sentence, clause, or phrase in effect prior to the effective date of

1 this ordinance shall be in full force and effect for that individual section, sentence, clause, or
2 phrase as if this ordinance had never been adopted.

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4 PASSED this _____, 2026.

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