



## Snohomish County

### SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

March 10, 2023

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

**SUBJECT:** Planning Commission recommendation on proposed code amendments to  
Density Fringe Exemptions

Dear Snohomish County Council:

On behalf of the Snohomish County Planning Commission, I am forwarding our recommendation to amend regulations for Density Fringe Exemptions. The Planning Commission had a briefing on this topic on December 13, 2022, a public hearing on January 24, 2023 that prompted additional time needed for amendments and review of the proposal, and a final public hearing on February 28, 2023.

The proposed code amendments would allow for certain development to be exempt from the maximum allowable density and obstruction limitations of SCC 30.65.250 and 30.65.255 if the square footage and width of the development are offset by development on the site that was accounted for in the 'Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Snohomish County, Washington Unincorporated Areas' dated September 15, 1983.

There were four (4) written comments received by the Planning Commission from the public prior to the February 28<sup>th</sup> hearing, and four (4) members of the public commented at the public hearing.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

At the February 28, 2023, Planning Commission meeting, Commissioner Ash made a motion, seconded by Commissioner James, recommending **APPROVAL** of the proposed Density Fringe Exemption amendments contained in the staff report.

#### **VOTE (Motion):**

8 in favor (*Ash, Brown, Busted, Campbell, Eck, Larsen, James, Pedersen*)

0 opposed

0 abstention


**Motion PASSED**

Density Fringe

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This recommendation was made following the close of the public hearing and after due consideration of information presented and is based on the findings and conclusions presented in the February 28, 2023 staff report, with which the Commission concurred.

Respectfully submitted,

  
[Robert Larsen \(Mar 17, 2023 08:25 PDT\)](#)

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
Robert Larsen, Chairman

cc: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive  
Mike McCrary, Director, Planning and Development Services







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