

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on March 19, 2025, the Snohomish County Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-015, which shall be effective March 30, 2025. This notice complies with RCW 36.70A.290.

**A summary of the ordinance is as follows:**

ORDINANCE NO. 25-015

RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; REVISING DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR DAY CARE FACILITIES; AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE SECTIONS 30.22.100, 30.22.110, 30.22.130, 30.25.020, 30.26.030, AND 30.91F.100 AND ADDING NEWS SECTIONS 30.25.055, AND 30.28.030

Sections 1 – 3. Adopts recitals, findings of fact, and conclusions, and states that the Council bases its findings and conclusions on the entire record of Snohomish County Planning Commission and the County Council.

Section 4. Amends the urban zone use matrix in SCC 30.22.100. For day care centers, it would allow facilities up to 8,000 square feet as an administrative conditional use in the MHP zone and as a permitted use in all other zones. Day care centers over 8,000 square feet would be conditionally allowed in R-9,600, R-8,400, R-7,200, and T zoning, allowed as an administrative conditional use in the MHP zone, and allowed as a permitted use in all other zones. Family day care homes would be allowed as a permitted use in all zones except they will not be allowed in the GC, IP, BP, and LI zones.

Section 5. Amends the rural and resource zone use matrix in SCC 30.22.110. Day care centers up to 8,000 square feet would be allowed as a permitted use in the RD, R-5, RB, CRC, and RFS zones. Day care centers over 8,000 square feet would be allowed in the R-5 zone as a conditional use and in the RC, RB, CRC, and RFS zones as a permitted use. Family day care homes would be allowed as a permitted use in all zones except RI and F&R.

Section 6. Amends SCC 30.22.130 which contains reference notes for the use matrices. Regarding day care centers, it strikes existing language in Reference Note 2 that limits permitting of day care centers to be only when in connection with a school facility or a place of worship. Other requirements in Reference Note 2 would move to a new section SCC 30.28.030.

Section 7. Amends SCC 30.25.020 to exempt day care centers from this code section regarding perimeter landscaping requirements in favor of a new section SCC 30.25.055.

Section 8. Adopts a new section SCC 30.25.055 to provide landscaping requirements for day care centers in abutting sites with R-5, R-9,600, R-8,400, R-7,200, T, LDMR or MR zoning.

Section 9. Amends SCC 30.26.030 to modify the parking requirements for day care centers based on gross floor area.

Section 10. Adopts a new section SCC 30.28.030 to provide performance standards for day care centers, including standards for outdoor play areas, airport compatibility, licensing by the state, and road frontage and access.

Section 11. Amends SCC 30.91F.100 to revise the definition of family day care home to recognize that the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families may issue a waiver allowing family day care homes to provide care for more than 12 children.

Section 12. Provides a severability and savings clause.

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**Where to Get Copies of the Ordinance:** Copies of the full ordinance and other documentation are available upon request by calling the Snohomish County Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1-(800) 562-4367x3494, TDD (425) 877-8339 or by emailing [contact.council@snoco.org](mailto:contact.council@snoco.org).

**Website Access:** The ordinance can be accessed through the Council website at: <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/2134/County-Hearings-Calendar>.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

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/s/Lisa Hickey  
Asst. Clerk of the Council

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Send Affidavit to: Council  
Send Invoice to: Planning #107010

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