

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Snohomish County Council will hold a public hearing on July 22, 2026, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. and continuing thereafter as necessary, in the Henry M. Jackson Room, 8th Floor, Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett, Washington, in conjunction with a remote meeting platform via the following Zoom link, to consider proposed Ordinance No. 26-020, titled: RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; CONCERNING SETBACKS; AMENDING CHAPTERS 30.23 AND 30.42B OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE.

Zoom Webinar Information:

Join online at <https://zoom.us/j/94846850772>
or by telephone call 1-253-215 8782 or 1-301-715 8592

Background: This ordinance amends chapters 30.23 and 30.42B of the Snohomish County Code (SCC) to simplify the setback tables, adds two new reference notes to those tables and SCC 30.23.049, and increases the minimum setback for covered parking structures in urban zones from 18 feet to 19 feet. A summary of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

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

Section 4. Amends SCC 30.23.041 to modify the section title, streamline the setback table into a more concise and simplified matrix, and adds two new reference notes.

Section 5. Amends SCC 30.23.043 to modify the section title, streamline the setback table into a more concise and simplified matrix, and adds two new reference notes.

Section 6. Amends SCC 30.23.045 to modify the section title, streamline the setback table into a more concise and simplified matrix, and adds two new reference notes.

Section 7. Amends SCC 30.23.047 to modify the section title, streamline the setback table into a more concise and simplified matrix, and adds two new reference notes.

Section 8. Adds a new section SCC 30.23.048 to establish a setback table exclusively for covered parking structures, utilizes two new reference notes, and increases the minimum setback to covered parking structures in urban zones from 18 to 19 feet.

Section 9. Amends SCC 30.23.049 to add two additional reference notes as used in the updated setback tables in SCC 30.23.041 – 30.23.048 addressing what constitutes a public road and clarifying elements included in private road network elements.

Section 10. Amends SCC 30.42B.145 to increase the minimum setback for automobile entry of garages or carports from 18 feet to 19 feet.

Section 11. Provides a standard severability and savings clause.

The Council may also consider other amendments.

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State Environmental Policy Act: Requirements with respect to this non-project action have been satisfied through the completion of an environmental checklist and the issuance of a determination of non-significance on July 1, 2025. Copies of all applicable SEPA documents are available at the office of the County Council.

Where to Get Copies of the Proposed Ordinance: Copies of the full ordinance and other documentation are available upon request by calling the County Council Office at (425) 388-3494, 1-(800) 562-4367x3494, TDD (425) 388-3700 or by e-mailing contact.council@snoco.org.

Website Access: This ordinance and other documents can be accessed through the Council websites at: <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/2134/County-Hearings-Calendar>.

Range of Possible Actions the County Council May Take on This Proposal: At the conclusion of its public hearing(s), the County Council may make one of the following decisions regarding the proposed actions: (1) adopt the proposed ordinance; (2) adopt an amended version of the proposed ordinance; (3) decline to adopt the proposed ordinance; (4) adopt such other proposals or modification of such proposals as were considered by the County Council at its own hearing; or (5) take any other action permitted by law.

Public Testimony: Anyone interested may testify concerning the above-described matter at the time and place indicated above or by remote participation in the meeting. The County Council may continue the hearing to another date to allow additional public testimony thereafter, if deemed necessary. Written testimony is encouraged and may be sent to the office of the Snohomish County Council at 3000 Rockefeller Ave M/S 609, Everett, WA 98201; faxed to (425) 388-3496 or e-mailing contact.council@snoco.org. Submitting public comments 24 hours prior to the hearing will ensure that comments are provided to the Council and appropriate staff in advance of the hearing.

Party of Record: You may become a party of record on this matter by sending a written request to the Clerk of the County Council at the above address, testifying at the public hearing, or entering your name and address on a register provided for that purpose at the public hearing.

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice: Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon request. Please make arrangements one week prior to the hearing by calling Lisa Hickey at (425) 388-3494, 1(800) 562-4367 X3494, or TDD #1-800-877-8339, or by e-mailing lisa.hickey@snoco.org.

QUESTIONS: For additional information or specific questions on the proposed ordinance please call Michael Saponaro in the Department of Planning and Development Services at 425-262-2779.

DATED this 24th day of June 2026.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

/s/Megan Dunn
Council Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Lisa Hickey
Asst. Clerk of the Council

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