



Snohomish County Council

Legislation Text

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Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance 21-031, relating to the regulation of construction; adopting the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code as revised; adding and amending fees; and amending and adding sections in chapters 30.53A and 30.86 SCC

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development Services

ORIGINATOR: Eileen Canola

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Approve

PURPOSE: To adopt the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC) as amended by the Washington State Building Code Council and adopted by the state Legislature, with County amendments.

BACKGROUND: The State Building Code Act adopts the International Fire Code, Building, Residential, and Mechanical Codes, as well as the Uniform Plumbing Code and Washington State Energy Code and other construction codes and amends them for state-wide application. The Washington State Legislature adopted the most current construction codes as the State Building Code pursuant to chapter 19.27 RCW, that became effective February 1, 2021. Chapter 19.27 RCW mandates that the State Building Code be administered and enforced by counties and cities, and grants counties and cities limited authority to amend the code as it applies within their jurisdiction. Snohomish County has been implementing the State Building Code as of February 1, 2021. The ordinance amends title 30 of the Snohomish County Code (SCC) to: (1) adopt the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC) as amended and adopted by the Washington State Building Code Council and adopted by the state Legislature; (2) establish permits as required by the IFC; (3) renumber sections pertaining to construction permits; (4) revise the regulations pertaining to open burning to provide greater clarity; (5) amend Appendix B, Table B105.2 of the IFC to only allow a 50 percent reduction in required fire flow; (6) amend the automatic fire sprinkler provisions to adopt Section 903 of the IFC with county amendments; (7) provide greater consistency with the IFC; and (8) establish fees for new permits in chapter 30.86 SCC.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL			

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL			

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CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL _____ CONTRACT# _____ AMOUNT _____
AMENDMENT _____ CONTRACT# _____ AMOUNT _____

Contract Period

ORIGINAL START _____ END _____
AMENDMENT START _____ END _____

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: Approved as to form by PA(J.Kasting)
Approved/Reviewed by Finance & Risk