

**CITY OF SNOHOMISH
Snohomish, Washington**

ORDINANCE 2419

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON
AMENDING CHAPTER 14.230 SNOHOMISH MUNICIPAL CODE,
RETITLING AND UPDATING THE CHAPTER TO REFLECT THE
UPDATED REVISIONS TO THE SNOHOMISH DESIGN STANDARDS
OUTSIDE THE HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, the City has the authority under Title 35A and Chapter 58.17 RCW to adopt regulations related to zoning and land uses and the processing of land use development permits; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a Land Use Development Code under Title 14 of the Snohomish Municipal Code (“Development Code”) to implement the Comprehensive Plan and to ensure compatible and rational land development and land use in all portions of the City; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 14.230 of the Snohomish Municipal Code provides for design standards outside of the Historic District of the City of Snohomish; and

WHEREAS, the present version of the Design Standards and Guidelines (outside the Historic District) were adopted in 2004, with no changes since that time; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Board has identified several areas needing improvement and clarification in the standards; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Board, together with City staff input, has prepared a revised version of the standards and retitled it “General Design Standards” for the purpose of clarifying and making a more usable design review tool; and

WHEREAS, since revisions to Chapter 14.230 SMC are non-substantive and minor it is not necessary to 1) provide a 60-day notice to the Washington State Commerce Department pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106; 2) send the proposal to the Washington State Department of Ecology for review and approval pursuant to WAC 173-26 since the correction is not a review or substantive amendment to the existing Shoreline Master Program; or 3) bring the amendment to the City of Snohomish Planning Commission for review and recommendation prior to City Council consideration; and

WHEREAS, the code amendment is a procedural action resulting in no substantive changes respecting use or modification of the environment, it is categorically exempt from a SEPA threshold determination and EIS requirements pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(19)(b); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its regular meeting on May 18, 2021 that it is in the public interest, health, safety and general welfare to amend SMC Chapter 14.230 to more accurately reflect the nature of the updated General Design Standards adopted by City Council Resolution 1420 on May 18, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Adoption of recitals as findings.** The City Council hereby adopts each of the recital paragraphs above as findings and hereby incorporates them by reference as though fully stated herein.

Section 2. **SMC Chapter 14.230 retitled.** Chapter 14.230 SMC is hereby amended to be titled as “General Design Standards Outside Historic District”.

Section 3. **SMC 14.230.010 amended.** SMC 14.230.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.230.010 Purpose. The purpose of the ~~design standards for outside the Historic District~~ General Design Standards is to:

- A. Provide for design standards for the rest of the City outside of the Historic District, Pilchuck District, and Midtown District;
- AB. Build on Snohomish’s rich heritage;
- BC. Emphasize buildings, landscaping, and small town appeal, not parking and signs;
- CD. Maintain the scale and texture of development;
- DE. Support pedestrian movement and the use of transit and bicycles;
- EF. Encourage creative designs for sites and buildings;
- FG. Allow for infill development that is sensitive to its context;
- GH. Implement the Comprehensive Plan; and
- HI. Stimulate business and property investment.

Section 4. **SMC 14.230.020 amended.** SMC 14.230.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.230.020 Design Standards.

- A. The City of Snohomish ~~General Design Standards and Guidelines (Outside the Historic District) dated April 6, 2004 are hereby as adopted by a resolution of the City Council~~ and shall be kept available at the office of the City Planner.
- B. The above design standards shall be subject to interpretation in accordance with SMC 14.05.050 and also are subject to obtaining variances in accordance with Chapter 14.70 SMC.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Authority to make necessary corrections. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance and attachments including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 7. Effective date. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after adoption and publication.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor this 18th day of May, 2021.

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

By John T. Kartak
John T. Kartak, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By Rebekah Park
Rebekah Park, City Clerk

By Emily Guildner
Emily Guildner, City Attorney

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