

ORDINANCE NO. 1313

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON ADOPTING CHAPTER 19.12 TO SNOQUALMIE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE CRITICAL AREAS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Washington Growth Management Act (GMA) requires cities to update their Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) within one year of the periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130(7); and

WHEREAS, the City's 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update was adopted by City Council on December 9, 2024, under Ordinance 1302; and

WHEREAS, all critical areas must be designated, and functions and values protected using the Best Available Science (BAS) information, as required in the GMA; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission's initial recommendation for approval of the draft CAO, including flood hazard regulations updates on December 2, 2024, were further evaluated and refined at the request of the Community Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, the city coordinated further updates to the draft CAO with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in August 2025 for comment and received an updated letter of support on September 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed a revised draft at their regular meeting on October 6, 2025, and unanimously recommended approval with conditions as stipulated in the Planning Commission Recommendation signed by the Planning Commission Chair on October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Committee reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendations at their regular meeting on November 3, 2025, and recommends Council adopt allowed improvements with a maximum footprint of 250 square feet, such as decks, patios, and other appurtenances.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Revised Chapter Adopted. Chapter 19.12 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code is hereby adopted as set forth in Exhibit A.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective five days after publication as provided by law.

Section 3. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk or the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering anti section/subsection numbering.

Section 4. Severability. If any one or more section, subsection, or sentence of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this 24th day of November 2025.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

Dena Burke, City Attorney