

RESOLUTION NO. 1721

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR UPDATING THE APPROVED COLOR PALETTE AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION SMC 17.35.040(C), AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 17.35.110 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code (“SMC”) requires historical design review for the City’s “historic district overlay zones,” “downtown historic commercial landmark district,” and individual designated landmarks; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 17.35.040(C) SMC and Subsection 17.35.210(M) SMC require the Historic Design Review Board to establish an approved color palette to be used during historical design review; and

WHEREAS, the existing approved color palette provides four color combinations, with 20 total colors divided by colors for the main building, trim, accent, and optional trim/storefront window, with no ability to pick colors between the four combinations, with the exception of the optional trim/storefront window colors; and

WHEREAS, as a result of outreach with downtown Snoqualmie businessowners, the City determined that the existing color palette severely limits paint color options unless the applicant applies for a Type II permit outlined in Subsection 17.35.120(B)(2); and

WHEREAS, Subsection 17.35.120(B)(1) still requires historic design review for any alteration to exterior appearance of any contributing building or structure, regardless if the proposed colors meet the approved color palette; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has been serving as the Historic Design Review Board in accordance with Section 17.35.055; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and Planning Department staff met over multiple meetings to discuss options for updating the approved color palette;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on May 19, 2025 to receive testimony on the proposed updates to the approved color palette, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, by motion on May 19, 2025, unanimously recommended approval of the proposed color palette with modifications; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Committee of the Snoqualmie City Council reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendation on July 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, there is no proposed change to the Snoqualmie Municipal Code, therefore, the action is exempt from undergoing non-project SEPA review; and

WHEREAS, the Snoqualmie City Council has considered the recommendations of the Community Development Committee and the Planning Commission and has determined to take the actions set forth in this resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. The foregoing recitals ("Whereas" statements) are hereby adopted as Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Section 2. Updates to Approved Color Palette. The City Council of the City of the City of Snoqualmie affirms the design of the Planning Commission serving as the Historic Design Review Board to update the approved color palette as defined in Subsection 17.35.040(C), attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 3. Severability. If any one or more section, subsection, or sentence of this resolution or any of the attachments hereto, as applicable, is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution or any of the attachments hereto, as applicable, and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Corrections by City Attorney. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk are authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution and/or any attachments hereto, including the correction of clerical or typographical errors; references to other local, state,

or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this 14th day of July 2025.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

Dena Burke, City Attorney