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Date: May 16, 2024

To: City of Snoqualmie Planning Commission

From: City of Snoqualmie Economic Development Commission

RE: SMC 17.37 Downtown Historic District Overlay Amendments Recommendation

The Community Development Committee received a letter from the Economic Development Commission (EDC) in December 2023 expressing a desire to amend provisions of the Downtown Historic Retail District Overlay, SMC 17.37. The Committee remanded the request back to the EDC to gain unanimous consent from the Commission and reconsider some of the proposed amendments. After discussions with business members and property owners in the community and a staff formulated recommendation, the EDC unanimously voted on May 15, 2024 to recommend the following to the Planning Commission:

1. Extend the retail requirement area to include Falls Avenue SE,
2. Increase the ground floor retail requirement to 90%,
3. Increase the vacancy period prior to applying for a waiver to 180 days,
4. Update language regarding good faith effort to include online advertising,
5. Include an expanded definition of retail to taxable sale of goods or merchandise while using the Retail Definition Crosswalk as an example of current allowances.

The Economic Development Commission unanimously recommends the Planning Commission reviews the recommended amendments to SMC 17. 37 Downtown Historic District Retail Overlay Zone and transmits them to the Community Development Committee for consideration.

RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON THE 15TH OF MAY 2024.


Kristina Hudson (May 17, 2024 10:25 PDT)

May 17, 2024
Date _____

Kristina Hudson
EDC Chair

Attest by:


Ashley Wragge (May 17, 2024 07:49 PDT)

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Attachment 1: Retail Definition Crosswalk

EDC Hisoric Downtown Code Ammendment Proposal draft update

Final Audit Report

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