

ORDINANCE NO. 1307

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SNOQUALMIE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 8, RELATED TO COMPOST PROCUREMENT, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the State of Washington found that landfills are a significant source of emissions of methane, and to reduce methane emissions associated with organic materials, there is a benefit to diverting organic materials from landfills to productive uses of organic material wastes; and

WHEREAS, as more organic materials are diverted and recycled, it is critical that compost be procured by local jurisdictions and other local entities to support the economic viability of these processes and programs; and

WHEREAS, it is well established that the use of compost in landscaping and soil amendment has many benefits such as moisture retention, weed suppression, natural forms of nutrients, stopping soil erosion, and

WHEREAS, as a result of these findings, the Washington State Legislature enacted Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (ESSHB) 1799 in March of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the goal of ESSHB 1799 is to increase the diversion of organic materials going to landfills by “encouraging cities and counties to procure more of the compost and finished compost products created from their organic material” in order to reduce emissions; and

WHEREAS, ESSHB 1799 added a new section to Chapter 43.19A of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), now codified as RCW 41.19A.150, which requires all cities, towns and counties with populations of 25,000 or more or smaller jurisdictions where organic materials collection services are provided at least 26 weeks of the year to adopt a compost procurement ordinance to implement provisions of RCW 43.19A.120; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2301 modified the ESSHB 1799 reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Snoqualmie's organic materials collection services are provided at least 26 weeks of the year and is therefore required to implement such an ordinance.

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

Section One. Addition of Chapter 8.50. A new Chapter 8.50 entitled "Compost Procurement" is hereby added to Title 8 "Health and Safety" of the City of Snoqualmie Municipal Code, as set forth in Exhibit A.

Section Two. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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

Section Four. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after publication.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington this 27th day of October 2025.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

Dena Burke, City Attorney