



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB23-032
February 21, 2023
Ordinance

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB23-032: Vehicle Trespass	☐ Discussion Only
PROPOSED ACTION:	Adopt Ordinance XXXX in order to hold suspects criminally accountable for their actions by creating a misdemeanor level offense.	☒ Action Needed: ☐ Motion ☒ Ordinance ☐ Resolution

REVIEW:	Department Director/Peer	Perry Phipps	2/6/2023
	Finance	n/a	Click or tap to enter a date.
	Legal	n/a	2/16/2023
	City Administrator	Mike Sauerwein	Click or tap to enter a date.

DEPARTMENT:	Police		
STAFF:	Brian Lynch, Police Captain		
COMMITTEE:	Public Safety	COMMITTEE DATE: February 21, 2023	
MEMBERS:	Cara Christensen	Rob Wotton	Ethan Benson
EXHIBITS:	1. Draft Ordinance		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUESTED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to allow the City of Snoqualmie Police Department, by a misdemeanor level offense, to hold suspects criminally responsible.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The Washington State Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for possession of a stolen vehicle requires only the proof that a suspect was in possession of a stolen vehicle. The King County Prosecutor's filing standards add several other requirements before an affirmative charging decision is made, including the requirement of evidence that showed the suspect had knowledge that the vehicle was stolen before possessing it. This addition to city code would allow those suspects found in possession of a stolen vehicle to still be held accountable when the additional requirements listed in the King County Prosecutors Office (KCPO) filing standards cannot be met

BACKGROUND

According to the Puget Sound Auto Theft Task Force, Washingtonians reported 41,330 vehicles stolen between January and November of 2022. Every day, roughly 132 vehicles are stolen in the State of Washington.

ANALYSIS

There has been an increase in prosecutor declines since 2021.

NEXT STEPS

PROPOSED ACTION

Move to adopt Ordinance