

December 1, 2023
Snoqualmie Community Development Commission
Snoqualmie, WA

Subject: Suggestions for Retail Allocation and Unleased Space Waiver in the Historical District

Dear Members of the Snoqualmie Community Development Commission,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and high spirits. On behalf of the Snoqualmie Economic Development Commission, I am writing to discuss two suggestions that have been extensively deliberated upon in our recent meetings. These suggestions aim to enhance the vibrancy and economic growth of our beloved historical district. Including the future expansion of the historic district overlay and Riverwalk.

1. Retail Allocation in the Historical District:

During our discussions, it was proposed that the requirement for retail allocation on the main level in the historical district should be increased from the current 75% to 100%. Our rationale behind this recommendation is to ensure that the historical district remains a thriving hub for local businesses, attracting both residents and visitors alike. By having a higher percentage of retail establishments on the main level, we believe that the district's unique charm and character will be preserved, fostering a vibrant and diverse local economy. Variances examples to include restaurants, coffee, flower and gift shops, sporting good stores, Arcade, nails, real estate, travel agencies and tourist attractions.

2. Unleased Space Waiver Duration:

Another suggestion that has been put forth is to extend the duration of the waiver for unleased space in the historical district. Currently, landlords are granted a waiver for 120 days to fill unleased spaces with retail establishments. However, we propose that this duration be extended 180 days to allow landlords ample time to find suitable tenants that align with the needs and vision of the downtown area and comp plan. By providing a longer waiver period, we believe that landlords will have a better opportunity to attract businesses that contribute positively to the overall growth and vitality of the district.

We understand the importance of addressing these suggestions in an utmost timely manner. The Snoqualmie Economic Development Commission is committed to collaborating with the Snoqualmie Community Development Commission to ensure that these proposals are thoroughly reviewed and considered. We believe that by implementing these changes, we can create an environment that supports the needs of both businesses and the community, fostering a thriving and sustainable local economy.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. We look forward to further discussions and working together to achieve our shared goals. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you require any additional information or if there are any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Snoqualmie Economic Development Commission