



# Community Development Department

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Economic Development Commission

From: Jason Rogers, Senior Planner  
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Date: 1/18/23

Subject: Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan Update – Economic Development Element

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### Background

The Washington Growth Management Act (GMA) requires King County and cities within King County to update their comprehensive plans on or before December 31, 2024. RCW 36.70A.070 (7) Comprehensive plans, identifies an economic development element as establishing local goals, policies, objectives, and provisions for economic growth and vitality and a high quality of life. The Snoqualmie municipal Code, SMC 2.22.070 (B), states that the economic development commission (EDC) shall prepare an economic development element for the Snoqualmie vicinity comprehensive plan in accordance with SMC 2.22.080, and from time to time to recommend amendments thereto.

The City of Snoqualmie is preparing for this periodic update to occur starting in the Fall of 2022 and continuing through adoption of an updated plan in late 2024. The updated plan will have a horizon year of 2044.

### Introduction

This item was first introduced at August 12, 2022 EDC meeting where staff explained that current plan is organized into a [Vision and Policy Element](#) (#1), and individual subject elements; the [Economic Development Element](#) is #3. The EDC will need to consider updates to the goals, objectives, and policies related to economic development in Element 1, and updates to the supporting information and implementation strategies in Element 3.

To assist in providing more background on economic development regional data trends training will be provided from PSRC. The training, Passport to 2044 Economic Development was first presented on 9/7/2022. Following the training US census data specific to Snoqualmie will be presented by Program Manager – Economic Development Jason Thibedeau. This data is provided in your packet as well as an Economic Development Element Guidebook, dated February 2022. The guide helps assist cities to develop a brand-new economic development element, or ways strengthen or update existing elements. It recognizes that communities have

different types of opportunities and lays out necessary steps, with example goals and policies to help lead the EDC through the economic development planning process.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Discussion. Have a general discussion about regarding the data, information and upcoming work program item.

Resources: Link to PSRC Passport Economic Development: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H\\_YR1zhsSak](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_YR1zhsSak)

Attachment 1: Snoqualmie census data

Attachment 2: Economic Development Element Guidebook (PSRC)