

Council Agenda Bill

AB Number

AB26-027

Agenda Bill Information

Title *

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE ESTABLIS

Action *

Motion

Council Agenda Section

Ordinance

Council Meeting Date *

06/01/2026

Staff Member

James Mayhew

Department *

Administration

Committee

Public Safety

Committee Date

06/01/2026

Exhibits

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Summary

Introduction *

Brief summary.

To establish a temporary moratorium to allow evaluation and potential development of standards for Battery Energy Storage Systems.

Proposed Motion

Move to adopt an ordinance, number 1322, Moratorium on new Battery Energy Storage System Facilities.

Background/Overview *

What was done (legislative history, previous actions, ability to hyperlink)

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Over the past several weeks, Snoqualmie residents have engaged actively and thoughtfully on this issue. Their input has been substantial, consistent, and focused on specific, site-related concerns that they believe warrant careful consideration as this proposal moves forward through King County's permitting and environmental review process.

Among the most frequently raised concerns are the proximity of the proposed facility to residential areas and public facilities, including schools, parks and other community spaces. Residents have also expressed concerns regarding safety, including potential fire risk, the release of hazardous gases and toxic runoff from water deployed during fire responses, and the availability of adequate evacuation routes and emergency response capabilities in the Snoqualmie Valley. Additional concerns include potential impacts to habitat and natural resources, noise associated with facility operations, traffic impacts, visual impacts, and the cumulative effects of this facility in the context of the surrounding area. These concerns are significant to the community, which is why we are requesting the time and authorization to develop and adopt thoughtful regulations.

Analysis *

We are addressing community concerns by providing the city with the time and authorization to develop and adopt regulations.

Budgetary Status *

This action has no budgetary implications.

Budget Summary

This proposed ordinance regarding a moratorium is not expected to result in additional expenditures.

Comments:

Approve

Send Back to Initiator

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