



# BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

**AB23-032**  
**March 13, 2023**  
**Ordinance**

## AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB23-032: Vehicle Trespass	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
<b>PROPOSED ACTION:</b>	Adopt Ordinance 1275 in order to hold suspects criminally accountable for their actions by creating a misdemeanor level offense.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

<b>REVIEW:</b>	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.

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Police		
<b>STAFF:</b>	Brian Lynch, Police Captain		
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Public Safety	<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b> February 21, 2023	
<b>MEMBERS:</b>	Cara Christensen	Rob Wotton	Ethan Benson
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Draft Ordinance 1275		

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTED</b>	\$ 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**

March 13, 2023: First Reading of Ordinance 1275.

March 27, 2023: Second Reading of Ordinance 1275. MOVE to adopt Ordinance 1275 Vehicle Trespass.