

Council Agenda Bill

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Agenda Bill Information

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Council Agenda Section

Council Meeting Date *

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Summary

Introduction *

Brief summary.

The City has seen an increase in community outreach regarding the escaping of dirt, sand, and gravel hauled in trucks on City streets. Escaping material from trucks has damaged the property of other motorists and leaves debris on the roadway. The City seeks to require all loads to be covered when operating within the City.

Proposed Motion

Background/Overview *

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

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The City of Snoqualmie has seen an increase in debris and material escaping from trucks hauling dirt, sand, and gravel. This debris continues to damage to the property of motorists on our roadways. In addition, our roadways are having to be cleaned due to spillage from non-covered loads, resulting in additional work for the City's Parks & Public Works Department.

The Revised Code of Washington (RCW 46.61.655.3) states "Any vehicle on a paved public highway with a load of dirt, sand, or gravel susceptible of being dropped, spilled, leaked, or otherwise escaping therefrom shall be covered so as to prevent spillage. Coverings of such loads is not required if six inches of freeboard is maintained within the bed." This requirement does not prevent debris from flying off of trucks, even if the load is six inches below the freeboard and not covered. Materials like sand and dirt are picked up and blown off, onto the vehicles behind the truck carrying the load, and onto the City's roadways.

The proposed ordinance would adopt Chapter 10.29 into the Snoqualmie Municipal Code. The proposed ordinance defines covered loads, addresses our community's concerns, sets a fine schedule, addresses signage when entering City limits, and requires loads to be covered at all times while within City limits. New signs would be added to entry points around City limits, providing notification to drivers.

Analysis *

We are addressing the concerns of our community by creating an ordinance which clearly defines a covered load, requires all loads to be covered, sets a fine schedule, and addresses signage entering the city. This will help reduce damage to property to our community, along with reducing work for City staff by alleviating clean-up efforts.

Budgetary Status *

This action will bring in additional revenue.

Budget Summary

The proposed ordinance regarding covered loads is not expected to result in additional expenditures, but it may bring in a small amount of additional revenue in addition to potential savings related to road maintenance and repair.

Fiscal Impact

Amount of Expenditure

\$

Amount Budgeted

\$

Appropriation Requested

\$

Fiscal Impact

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