
Title 11
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

1. Abandoned vehicles, see [chapter 10.36](#) SCC.

Chapter 11.04
PARKING VIOLATIONS

11.04.010 Parking violations.

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with traffic or in compliance with the law or the direction of a police officer or official traffic-control device, or when a vehicle is disabled, it is unlawful for any person to:

- (1) stop, stand, or park a motor vehicle upon ways designed and designated by an official sign for pedestrian, animal, or nonmotor vehicular traffic, or
- (2) park a motor vehicle within ten feet of a mailbox located along a county roadway.

(Res. adopted March 3, 1969; Amended Ord. 98-135, § 2, January 6, 1999, Eff date January 18, 1999).

11.04.020 Penalty for violation.

Any violations of this chapter shall constitute a traffic infraction and be subject to the provisions of chapter 46.63 RCW.

(Res. adopted March 3, 1969; Amended Ord. 98-135, § 3, January 6, 1999, Eff date January 18, 1999).

Chapter 11.12
TRAFFIC CODE

11.12.010 Adoption.

The state statute and/or portions or parts of state statutes listed by reference to the Revised Code of Washington, as amended by the Regular and Extraordinary Sessions of the 1969 Legislature of the state of Washington, title, chapter and section numbers in Appendix A, which by this reference are included herein as though set forth in full herein, are adopted.

State statutes, listed by Revised Code of Washington title, chapter and section numbers in Appendix B, which are by this reference included herein as though set forth in full herein, are adopted as specially modified herein.

RCW 46.20.308, 46.20.311, 46.20.092, 46.61.506 and chapter 70.84, included herein by reference, as though set forth in full herein, are adopted.

(§§ 1--3 of Res. adopted June 15, 1970).

11.12.020 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Snohomish County Traffic Code" and it shall be sufficient to refer to this chapter or any part or portion thereof as the "Snohomish County Traffic Code" in any prosecution for the violation of any provision thereof.

(§ 4 of Res. adopted June 15, 1970).

11.12.030 Reference - Prefix change.

Reference to all or any state statutes and/or portions or parts of state statutes listed and adopted by this chapter shall be by Revised Code of Washington title, chapter and section number, but deleting the prefix "RCW" and substituting for prefix the prefix "SCTC" which prefix for the purposes of this chapter shall be the abbreviation for "Snohomish County Traffic Code."

(§ 5 of Res. adopted June 15, 1970).

11.12.040 Preservation of prosecuting begun under prior provisions.

Any resolution previously adopted by the board of county commissioners, which is in whole or in part inconsistent with any provision of the Snohomish county traffic code is to that extent repealed; PROVIDED, Any prosecution begun under such inconsistent provision prior to July 1, 1970 shall be preserved.

(§ 5 of Res. adopted June 15, 1970).

11.12.050 Violation.

Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of this traffic code for which no penalty has been otherwise prescribed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(§ 7 of Res. adopted June 15, 1970).

11.12.060 Adoption of RCW amendment.

Any amendment adopted by the Washington State Legislature to any section of the Revised Code of Washington adopted by reference herein is adopted as a part of this traffic code.

(§ 8 of Res. adopted June 15, 1970).

11.12.070 Appendix A - Included RCW sections.

The list of RCW sections to include in the traffic code shall be as follows:

- 16.24.065 Stock at large in areas--Unlawful.
- 16.24.070 Stock at large on highway right-of-way--Unlawful--Impounding.
- 46.04.010 Scope and construction of terms.
- 46.04.020 Alley.
- 46.04.030 Arterial highway.
- 46.04.040 Authorized emergency vehicle.

46.04.050 Auto stage.

46.04.060 Axle.

46.04.071 Bicycle.

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46.04.090 Cancel.

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46.04.110 Center of inspection.

46.04.120 City street.

46.04.130 Combination of vehicles.

46.04.140 Commercial vehicle.

46.04.150 County road.

46.04.160 Crosswalk.

46.04.165 Driveaway-towaway operation.

46.04.170 Explosives.

46.04.180 Farm tractor.

46.04.190 For hire vehicle.

46.04.200 Hours of darkness.

46.04.210 Flammable liquid.

46.04.220 Intersection area.

46.04.230 Intersection center marker.

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46.04.250 Intersection entrance marker.

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46.04.270 Legal owner.

46.04.280 Local authorities.

46.04.290 Marked crosswalk.

46.04.300 Metal tire.

46.04.310 Motor truck.

46.04.320 Motor vehicle.

46.04.330 Motorcycle.

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46.04.340 Muffler.

46.04.350 Multiple lane highway.

46.04.360 Nonresident.

46.04.370 Operator or driver.

46.04.380 Owner.

46.04.382 Passenger car.

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46.04.400 Pedestrian.

46.04.405 Person.

46.04.410 Pneumatic tires.

46.04.414 Pole trailer.

46.04.420 Private road or driveway.

46.04.431 Highway.

46.04.435 Public scale.

46.04.440 Railroad.

46.04.450 Railroad sign or signal.

46.04.460 Registered owner.

46.04.470 Residence district.

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46.04.490 Road tractor.

46.04.500 Roadway.

46.04.510 Safety zone.

46.04.521 School bus.

46.04.530 Semitrailer.

46.04.540 Sidewalk.

46.04.550 Solid tire.

46.04.552 Special mobile equipment.

46.04.560 State highway.

46.04.570 Street car.

46.04.580 Suspend.

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46.04.600 Traffic control signal.

46.04.611 Traffic control devices.

46.04.620 Trailer.

46.04.630 Train.

46.04.640 Trolley vehicle.

46.04.650 Truck tractor.

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46.08.060 Classification as emergency vehicles--Approval of operators.

46.08.080 Liability of host for injury to guest in motor vehicle.

46.08.190 Jurisdiction of justices of peace, police court and superior court.

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- 46.12.070 Destruction of vehicle--Surrender of certificates, penalty--Notice of settlement by insurance company.
- 46.12.080 Procedure on installation of different motor--Penalty.
- 46.12.090 Procedure when motor or motor block removed--Unlawful acts.
- 46.12.100 Sale or transfer of vehicle--Assignment of certificate of ownership--Penalty.
- 46.16.010 Licenses and plates required--Exceptions.
- 46.16.135 Quarterly license--Penalty.
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- 46.16.240 Attachment of plates to vehicles--Violations enumerated.
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- 46.20.021 Driver's license required--Surrender of license held from another jurisdiction--Other license not required.
- 46.20.025 Persons exempt from licensing requirement.
- 46.20.041 Physically or mentally disabled persons--Procedure--Restrictions--Violations--Penalty.
- 46.20.045 Age limit for school bus drivers and drivers of for-hire vehicles.
- 46.20.190 License to be in immediate possession and displayed on demand.
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- 46.64.025 Nonappearance after written promise--Notice to department.
 - 46.64.030 Procedure governing arrest and prosecution.
 - 46.64.048 Attempting, aiding, abetting, coercing, committing violations, punishable.
 - 46.64.050 General penalty.
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 - 46.64.070 Stopping motor vehicles for driver's license check, vehicle inspection and test--Authorized--Powers additional.
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 - 47.52.010 "Limited access facility" defined.
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 - 47.52.110 Marking of facility with signs.
 - 47.52.120 Violations specified--Penalty.
- (Appendix A of Res. adopted June 15, 1970).

11.12.080 Appendix B - RCW sections adopted as modified.

(1) RCW 46.04.431--Highway. Highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way, public or private, when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

(2) RCW 46.08.030--Uniformity of application. The provisions of this title relating to the operation of vehicles shall be applicable and uniform upon all persons operating vehicles upon the public highways of this county, except as otherwise provided.

(3) RCW 46.61.500--Reckless Driving.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in a reckless manner as defined by this chapter.

(b) Any person who drives any vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is guilty of reckless driving.

(c) The license or permit to drive or any nonresident privilege of any person convicted of reckless driving shall be suspended by the department for not less than 30 days.

(4) RCW 46.64.060--Stopping motor vehicles for driver's license check, vehicle inspection and test--Purpose. The purpose of RCW 46.64.060 and 46.64.070 is to provide for the exercise of the police power of this state and county to protect the health and safety of its citizens by assuring that only qualified drivers and vehicles which meet minimum equipment standards shall operate upon the highways of this state and county.

(5) RCW 46.64.070--Stopping motor vehicles for driver's license check, vehicle inspection and test--Authorized powers additional. To carry out the purpose of RCW 46.64.060 and RCW 46.64.070, officers of the Snohomish county sheriff's office are hereby empowered during daylight hours and while using plainly marked Snohomish county sheriff vehicles with red light to require the driver of any motor vehicle being operated on any highway of this county to stop and display his or her driver's license and/or to submit the motor vehicle being driven by such person to an inspection and test to ascertain whether such vehicle complies with the minimum equipment requirements described by chapter 46.37 RCW, as now or hereafter amended. No criminal citation shall be issued for a period of 10 days after giving a warning ticket pointing out the defect.

The powers conferred by RCW 46.64.060 and 46.64.070 are in addition to all other powers conferred by law upon such officers, including but not limited to powers conferred upon them as police officers pursuant to RCW 46.20.430 and powers conferred by chapter 46.32 RCW.

(6) RCW 46.90.436(2)--Parking for certain purposes unlawful. No person shall park any vehicle upon any highway for the principal purpose of displaying such vehicle for sale.

(Appendix B of Res. adopted June 15, 1970; Amended Ord. 86-061, July 16, 1986).

11.12.090 Effective date.

This traffic code will take effect July 1, 1970.

(Res. adopted June 15, 1970).

Chapter 11.16 MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS

11.16.010 Applicability.

The provisions of this chapter apply to all public roads within unincorporated Snohomish county.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

11.16.020 Designated maximum speed limit.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the maximum speed limit that a person may operate a vehicle of any character upon any road in the unincorporated areas of Snohomish county shall be 35 miles per hour.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

11.16.030 Designated maximum speed limit - Residential districts.

The maximum speed limit that a person may drive a vehicle of any type on a road in a residential district in the unincorporated area of Snohomish county shall be 25 miles per hour except where a different speed limit has been posted. "Residential District" shall have the same definition as contained in RCW 46.04.470 as it currently exists or as that definition is later amended: "Residence District" means the territory contiguous to and including a public highway not comprising a business district, when the property on such public highway for a continuous distance of 300 feet or more on either side thereof is in the main improved with residences or residences and buildings in use for business." If RCW 46.04.470 is later amended, the amended language will control over the language in this section.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

11.16.040 Designated maximum speed limit - Gravel roads.

The maximum speed limit that a person may drive a vehicle of any type on a gravel road in the unincorporated area of Snohomish county shall be 25 miles per hour except where a different speed limit has been posted.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

11.16.050 Violation - Misdemeanor.

Any violation of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor and is punishable in accordance with [SCC 1.01.100](#) as it presently exists or as it is later amended.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

11.16.060 Change of existing speed limits - When effective.

Speed limits in effect on the date of the adoption of this chapter shall remain in effect until the director of public works shall change speed limits under the provisions of this chapter or when the Snohomish county council shall, by ordinance, institute speed limit changes and when such changes, in either case, are posted. Prior to the director of public works making a change in a speed limit under the provisions of this chapter, the director shall publish, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, a notice of the proposed speed limit and the procedure for appealing the proposed speed limit. Any new speed limit will become effective upon posting consistent with the manual on uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways adopted in [SCC 11.24.010](#). No speed limit change is effective until posted.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

11.16.070 Authority - Director of Public Works.

The director of the department of public works is authorized to revise existing speed limits on all county roads PROVIDED That such speed limit revisions shall not exceed 10 miles per hour. The determination of the proper speed limit will be based upon the following engineering and traffic investigation factors:

- (1) Road surface characteristics, shoulder conditions, grade, alignment and sight distance;
- (2) The 85 percentile speed and pace speed;
- (3) Roadside development and roadside friction;
- (4) Safe speed for curves or hazardous locations within the zone;
- (5) Parking practices and pedestrian activity; and
- (6) Reported accident experience for a recent 12-month period.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

11.16.080 Appeal procedures.

The decision of the director of the department of public works concerning any speed limit revisions may be appealed by an aggrieved party to the Snohomish county council PROVIDED That an appeal is filed in writing within 30 calendar days from the date of the posting of the new speed zone. Any appeal must be submitted to the clerk of the Snohomish county council, 6th floor, Snohomish County Administration Building, Everett, Washington, 98201.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

11.16.090 Special conditions.

Reduced temporary speed limits for special conditions, such as where there is construction on or near a county road, may be set by the director of public works provided these locations are posted with signs in accordance with the federal highway administration's manual on uniform traffic control devices. Such temporary speed limits may change the posted speed limit by more than 10 miles per hour.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

11.16.100 Log of speed limits.

The director of public works shall maintain a log for each established speed limit. The log shall list each road section and the speed limit thereon, and the beginning and ending mile posts for each such road segment.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

11.16.110 Reduced speed where persons working.

A maximum speed limit of 20 miles per hour is hereby established for those areas of Snohomish county in which authorized persons are working within the traveled roadway, PROVIDED Said areas are posted with signs in accordance with the federal highway administration's manual on uniform traffic control devices.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

11.16.900 Severability.

If any portion of this chapter is held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this chapter. The county council declares that it would have adopted this chapter and each section of it, even if any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, parts or portions are declared invalid or unconstitutional.

(Added Ord. 84-089, § 1, Aug. 27, 1984).

Chapter 11.24 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

11.24.010 Adoption of state provisions.

The "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways" as amended by the state highway commission, be and is hereby adopted by Snohomish county, to apply to all county roads and streets.

(Res. adopted February 5, 1973).

11.24.020 Authority of county engineer.

RCW 46.90.260 and 46.90.265 providing for an office of traffic engineer having certain powers and duties regarding traffic control devices are hereby adopted by reference and the functions thereof assigned to the Snohomish county engineer.

(Res. adopted May 16, 1977).

Chapter 11.40 MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTERS

11.40.010 Definition.

"Motorized foot scooter" means a device with no more than two ten-inch or smaller diameter wheels that has handlebars, is designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, and is powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion.

(Added Ord. 04-129, December 1, 2004, Eff date December 12, 2004)

11.40.020 Operation of motorized foot scooters.

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to do any of the following:
 - (a) Operate a motorized foot scooter while under the age of sixteen years;
 - (b) Operate a motorized foot scooter on a public roadway having a speed limit greater than twenty-five miles per hour;
 - (c) Operate a motorized foot scooter outside of a marked bicycle lane upon the roadway if one exists;
 - (d) Operate a motorized foot scooter on county owned property, including a county park;
 - (e) Operate a motorized foot scooter on a sidewalk, except as may be necessary to enter or leave

property adjacent to the sidewalk;

- (f) Operate a motorized foot scooter on any public bicycle path or trail or on any public equestrian, hiking, or recreational trail;
 - (g) Operate a motorized foot scooter at any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise;
 - (h) Operate a motorized foot scooter with a passenger in addition to the operator;
 - (i) Operate a motorized foot scooter in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property; operation of a motorized foot scooter in excess of a posted speed limit shall be prima facie evidence of operation in a manner likely to endanger any person or property;
 - (j) Operate a motorized foot scooter that is not equipped so that the drive motor is engaged through a switch, lever, or other mechanism that, when released, will cause the drive motor to disengage or cease to function;
 - (k) Operate a motorized foot scooter powered by an internal combustion engine that is not at all times equipped with a muffler in good working order; or
 - (l) Operate a motorized foot scooter without wearing a protective helmet that meets or exceeds the safety standards set by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The helmet must be worn over the head and equipped with either a neck or chinstrap that must be fastened securely while the motorized foot scooter is in motion.
- (2) Any person operating a motorized foot scooter upon a public way shall obey all rules of the road as adopted by Title 11 SCC.

(Added Ord. 04-129, December 1, 2004, Eff date December 12, 2004)

11.40.030 Parent Responsibility.

The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this chapter.

(Added Ord. 04-129, December 1, 2004, Eff date December 12, 2004)

11.40.040 Violation τ Penalty.

Any person violating any provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to have committed a traffic infraction and shall be punished by the imposition of a monetary penalty not to exceed \$250.00, exclusive of statutory assessments; provided, conduct that constitutes a criminal traffic offense may be charged as such and subject to the maximum penalties allowed for such offenses.

Added Ord. 04-129, December 1, 2004, Eff date December 12, 2004)

11.40.050 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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