



Q What will be the end result of the UDC Update?

The County will have a modernized, easy to use and interpret, community-reviewed code. The Update will:

- Align regulations, policy direction and permit processes with adopted County policies
- Promote sustainable community development
- Have broad support from cities, citizens and stakeholders
- Allow for greater innovation and advances in technology
- Be fair and equitable, with more predictability and flexibility for better development

Visit www.snoco.org, search "UDC Update."

Our website can help you stay involved and will provide you with the latest information:

- Sign up to receive monthly E-Notices and quarterly E-News.
- Select topics you'd like to be kept up-to-date on.
- Check upcoming meeting dates.
- E-subscribe to be notified when web page information changes.
- Provide feedback and ask questions.
- Review project charter and other key documents.

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Introduction to the UDC Update Project



**Snohomish County
Unified Development Code**

Q What is the Unified Development Code?

The Unified Development Code (UDC) is an integrated set of standards that regulate building and land development within unincorporated areas of Snohomish County. The UDC is a component of the Snohomish County Code (SCC), the larger body of law that governs a wider array of public and private activities.

Q Why is it being updated?

Development code chapters were consolidated in 2002. Now it's time for a comprehensive review and substantive update of the UDC. The project will:

- Align development regulations with Comprehensive Plan policies and changing state and federal laws
- Provide for flexibility and innovation in development while protecting the environment, and public health and safety
- Anticipate issues and problems related to changes in development industry trends and practices



- Reflect current and anticipated land uses not currently accounted for such as wineries and espresso stands
- More clearly articulate the laws relating to such things as density and building height

Q What does the Update encompass?

Development codes will be reviewed for consistency, relevance, appropriateness and flexibility by Snohomish County staff and advisory groups, with extensive input from the public and stakeholders.

Q Who is involved?

Snohomish County and its cities, citizens, and business communities; in essence, anyone who lives, works or plays in the county is affected by the Unified Development Code and may be involved in some way. Snohomish County Planning and Development Services staff will lead this multi-year effort, with participation by other County departments, consultants and stakeholders.

Q How can the public participate?

The UDC Update Project website is the primary source for public information and is updated regularly with:

- Public meeting dates
- News
- Project documents
- Project team and contact information
- A feedback form for comments and questions
- Additional information as needed



Interested individuals can also sign up for monthly e-mail notices, a quarterly e-news, and updates on specific topic areas.

Monthly public forums will present issues for public discussion and review. Details about the forums as well as special topical workshops will be posted on the website.

