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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 01-097

AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE
CHAPTER 32.10
RELATING TO CRITICAL AREA REGULATIONS FEES

WHEREAS, county staff have reviewed land use and building permit regulations and propose fee increases to more fully recover existing service costs, and to move toward self-sufficiency and financial stability for the land use and building divisions of the department of planning and development services.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The Snohomish county council adopts the following findings of fact and conclusions:

1. Pursuant to SCC 32.10.260-Bond or performance security, where mitigation planting is required, existing staff costs for mitigation monitoring, inspections, bond administration, and release is unfunded.
2. A fee of \$80 per hour for each project needing such mitigation planting and monitoring will appropriately recover costs.
3. There is currently no land use division fee support for biologists and biologist technicians whose duties and functions revolve around implementation of critical area regulations.
4. Land use permit fees established prior to the adoption of critical area regulations (CAR) have not covered staff costs. This is even more true with additional review time needed due to the Endangered Species Act listings of the Chinook salmon and Bull trout and Title 24-Drainage requirements of the Snohomish county code.
5. Pursuant to SCC 32.10.320 a Habitat Management Plan (HMP) is required for projects in close proximity to habitat areas for listed species. An HMP for a land use project typically requires eight hours of staff review time.
6. A specific fee should be charged for land use division critical area and HMP reviews based on the average staff hours spent on these projects.

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1 **Section 2.** Snohomish County Code Section 32.10.280, added by Ordinance No. 94-108 on
2 March 7, 1995, is **AMENDED** to read:

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7 **32.10.280 Fees.**

8 The director shall ~~((develop a fee schedule))~~ implement fees designed to recover the
9 department's costs to administer this chapter ~~((and shall forward the schedule to the council
10 for approval by motion))~~. These fees are established in table 32.10.280:

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12 **Table 32.10.280 Critical area regulation fees**


Activity	Fee
<u>Monitoring, inspection, and administration of the performance security required for mitigation planting pursuant to SCC 32.10.260(1):</u>	\$80.00/hour
<u>Critical area study (CAS) review pursuant to SCC 32.10.550:⁽¹⁾</u>	\$600.00
<u>Habitat management plan (HMP) review pursuant to SCC 32.10.320:⁽¹⁾</u>	\$600.00

13 ⁽¹⁾ These fees do not apply where critical area review fees are required per SCC 17.02.090.

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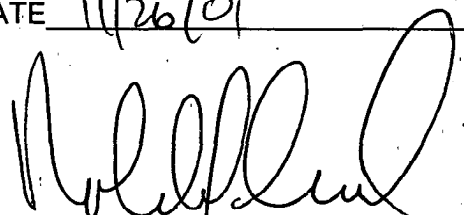
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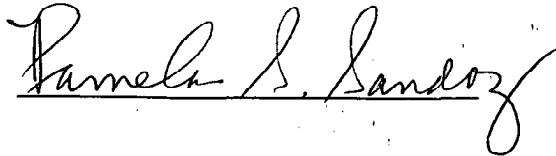
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Clerk of the Council, *asst.*

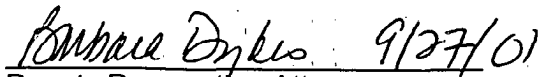
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County Executive

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney