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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 04-030

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE, REPEALING  
THE UFC'S DEFINITION OF OPEN BURNING, ADDING  
A NEW DEFINITION OF OPEN BURNING, ESTABLISHING  
PERMIT FEES, ADDING A NEW SECTION TO  
CHAPTER 30.53A SCC, AND AMENDING SCC 30.86.430

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Code, section 105.8.0.1 adopted by chapter 30.53A of the Snohomish County Code requires permits for open burning; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Code's present definition of "open burning" does not reflect the types of outdoor burning characterized by RCW 70.94.745; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County currently does not collect a fee to defray the cost of administration and issuance of open burning permits; and

WHEREAS, allowing an alternative method to dispose of natural vegetation will be a substantial benefit to members of the public who live outside county urban growth areas; and

WHEREAS, county staff have reviewed fire code regulations and propose a fee for the issuance of open burning permits to support the outdoor burn permit program of the Office of the County Fire Marshal; of the Department of Planning and Development Services; and

WHEREAS, having a permit program that establishes burning limits and parameters will protect the public interest and provide public education about state and county fire code regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

**Section 1.** The definition of "Open Burning" contained at Section 206 (O) of the Uniform Fire Code 1997 Edition, adopted by Ordinance No. 02-064 on December 9, 2002, is repealed.

**Section 2.** A new section is added to Chapter 30.53A of the Snohomish County Code to read:

**30.53A.111 Section 216 AMENDED.** The definition of open burning contained at Section 216 of the Uniform Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and the following definitions are added:

"OPEN BURNING" shall be the burning of natural vegetation in an outdoor location and categorized as either residential or land clearing for the purposes of permit issuance.

"OPEN BURNING – RESIDENTIAL" means the outdoor burning of leaves, clippings, prunings and other yard and gardening refuse originating on lands immediately adjacent and in close proximity to a human dwelling and burned on such lands by the property owner or his or her designee.

"OPEN BURNING – LAND CLEARING" means the outdoor burning of trees, stumps, shrubbery, or other natural vegetation from land clearing projects (i.e., projects that clear the land surface so it can be developed, used for a different purpose, or left unused) by the property owner or his or her designee.

**Section 3.** Snohomish County Code Section 30.86.430, adopted by Ordinance No. 02-064 on December 9, 2002, is amended to read:

30.86.430 Uniform Fire code fees. See also chapter 30.53A SCC.

Table 30.86.430 – UNIFORM FIRE CODE FEES

ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION FEE <sup>(1)</sup>			
Building size in square feet	FEE		
	B, M, R (Less than 20 Units), U Occupancies (Group 1)	A, E, LC, R (More than 20 Units) Occupancies (Group 2)	F, H, I, S Occupancies (Group 3)
0-1000	\$45	\$75	\$95
1,001-2,500	\$65	\$105	\$165
2,501-5,000	\$95	\$155	\$245
5,001-7,500	\$115	\$185	\$285
7,501-10,000	\$125	\$195	\$300
10,001-12,500	\$145	\$230	\$315
12,501-15,000	\$165	\$275	\$330
15,001-17,500	\$175	\$295	\$345
17,501-20,000	\$190	\$310	\$365
20,001-30,000	\$215	\$350	\$375
30,001-40,000	\$230	\$375	\$385
40,001-50,000	\$245	\$400	\$400
50,001-60,000	\$260	\$425	\$425
60,001-70,000	\$275	\$450	\$450
70,001-100,000	\$300	\$475	\$475
100,001-150,000	\$350	\$500	\$500
150,001-200,000	\$400	\$525	\$525
OVER 200,000	\$450	\$550	\$550

<b>REINSPECTION FEES</b>	
For uncorrected violations at time of first re-inspection	\$25
For uncorrected violations at time of second re-inspection	\$50
<b>FIRE PLAN REVIEW AND PERMIT FEES</b>	
Riser system	\$50 each
Fuel storage tank	
Alarm system	
<b>SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FIRE INSPECTIONS</b>	
During regular business hours	\$100
After regular business hours/weekends	\$60/hour of actual time spent
<b>PYROTECHNIC FIREWORKS</b>	
Retail fireworks	\$100
Wholesale fireworks	\$100
<b>OPEN BURNING PERMITS</b>	
<u>Residential</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
<u>Residential – Annual Renewal</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>Land Clearing</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>

**Reference note:**

(1) Per SCC 30.53A.070, these fees shall be charged for all inspections required by SCC 30.53A.060, based upon the square footage area of inspected premises and the Uniform Building Code classification associated with the primary use thereof.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect 45 days after it is signed by the County Executive or otherwise enacted.

PASSED this 28th day of April, 2004

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

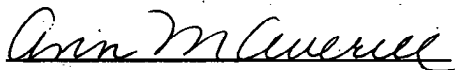
  
Asst. Clerk of the Council *Asst.*

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DATE: 5-5-04

  
County Executive

ATTEST:



Approved as to form only:

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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