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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 08-046

RELATING TO THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT, ADOPTING TECHNICAL TEXT  
CORRECTIONS TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT  
ACT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (GMACP) (GPP 4 TECHNICAL TEXT CORRECTIONS)

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130 and .470 direct counties planning under the Growth  
Management Act (GMA) to adopt procedures for interested persons to propose amendments and  
revisions to the GMACP or development regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council adopted chapter 30.74 SCC,  
"Growth Management Act Public Participation Program Docketing," to comply with the  
requirements of RCW 36.70A.130 and .470; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council has determined that the consideration of the  
proposed amendments and revisions to the GMACP and development regulations would promote  
a county purpose as established under RCW 36.70A.130, RCW 36.70A.470 and chapter 30.74  
SCC; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2007, and May 29, 2007, the Snohomish County Council held  
public hearings to receive public testimony on proposed county and non-county initiated  
amendments to the GMACP for consideration on the 2007 Final Docket XII; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council, on June 25, 2007, approved, by Motion No.  
07-182, a list of proposed comprehensive plan amendments for inclusion on Final Docket XII  
and authorized the County Executive, through the Department of Planning and Development  
Services (PDS), to process Final Docket XII consistent with chapters 30.73 and 30.74 SCC; and

WHEREAS, Final Docket XII, including the proposals to amend the map and text of the  
GMACP were presented to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) of Snohomish County  
Tomorrow (SCT); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 30.74 SCC, PDS completed final review and evaluation  
of Final Docket XII, including the proposals to amend the map and text of the GMACP, and  
forwarded recommendations to the Snohomish County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Planning Commission held a public hearing and  
received public testimony on Final Docket XII on January 22, 2008, and January 29, 2008; and

1 WHEREAS, on January 29, 2008, the Snohomish County Planning Commission  
2 deliberated on Final Docket XII at the conclusion of the public hearing and voted to recommend  
3 adoption of the proposed GMACP and regulatory amendments as enumerated in its  
4 recommendation letter of February 26, 2008; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council held a public hearing on April 30, 2008,  
7 continued to May 12 and June 3, 2008, to consider the entire record, including the Planning  
8 Commission recommendations on Final Docket XII, and to hear public testimony on this  
9 Amended Ordinance No. 08-046.  
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11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:  
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13 **Section 1.** The county council makes the following findings:  
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- 15 A. The county council adopts and incorporates the foregoing recitals as findings as if set forth  
16 fully herein.
- 17 B. The proposal is to amend text within the GPP. All changes are technical corrections to  
18 remove errors and do not constitute policy changes.
- 19 C. No inconsistencies between the proposed technical corrections and GPP plan elements or  
20 development regulations have been identified.
- 21 D. No inconsistencies between the proposed technical corrections and the Countywide Planning  
22 Policies (CPPs) have been identified.
- 23 E. The proposed text amendments comply with all requirements of the GMA.
- 24 F. An addendum to the Environmental Impact Statement completed for the GMA  
25 comprehensive plan 10-Year Update was issued for this non-project action on December 26,  
26 2007.
- 27 G. The county council includes in its findings and conclusions, the completed final review and  
28 evaluation of the proposal completed by PDS in accordance with 30.74 SCC and is hereby  
29 made a part of this ordinance as if set forth herein.

30 **Section 2.** The county council makes the following conclusions:  
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- 32 A. The proposal includes technical corrections to the GPP policy text and dropping a reference  
33 to an out-of-date RCW code section that more closely meet the goals, objectives and policies  
34 of the GPP than the existing plan designation.
- 35 B. The proposed GPP text technical amendments are consistent with the following final review  
36 and evaluation criteria of SCC 30.74:
- 37 1. The proposed amendments maintain consistency with other elements of the GMACP.
- 38 2. All applicable elements of the GMACP support the proposed amendments.
- 39 3. The proposed amendments meet the goals, objectives, and policies of the GMACP as  
40 discussed in the specific findings.

- 1 4. The proposed amendments are consistent with the CPPs.  
2 5. The proposed amendments comply with the GMA.  
3 6. New information is available which was not considered at the time the plan or regulation  
4 was amended.  
5 C. The amendments are consistent with the GMA requirement that the comprehensive plan of a  
6 county or city be an internally consistent document (RCW 36.70A.070).  
7 D. The amendments maintain the GMACP's consistency with the CPPs for Snohomish County.  
8 E. The proposed amendments meet the goals, objectives and policies of the GMACP as  
9 discussed in the specific findings.  
10 F. The amendments are consistent with and comply with the procedural and substantive  
11 requirements of GMA.  
12 G. All SEPA requirements with respect to this non-project action have been satisfied.  
13 H. The County complied with state and local public participation requirements under the GMA  
14 and chapter 30.73 SCC.

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16 **Section 3.** The county council bases its findings and conclusions on the entire record of the  
17 county council, including all testimony and exhibits. Any finding, which should be deemed a  
18 conclusion, and any conclusion which should be deemed a finding, is hereby adopted as such.  
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20 **Section 4.** Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, the Snohomish County GMA  
21 Comprehensive Plan – General Policy Plan last amended by Ordinance No. 07-139, is amended  
22 as indicated in Exhibit A to this ordinance which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference  
23 into this ordinance as if set forth in full.  
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25 **Section 5.** The county council directs the Code Reviser to update SCC 30.10.060 pursuant to  
26 SCC 1.02.020(3).  
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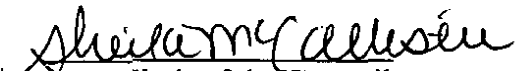
28 **Section 6. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held  
29 to be invalid or unconstitutional by the Growth Management Hearings Board, or a court of  
30 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or  
31 constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance. Provided,  
32 however, that if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid by  
33 the Board or court of competent jurisdiction, then the section, sentence, clause or phrase in effect  
34 prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be in full force and effect for that individual  
35 section, sentence, clause or phrase as if this ordinance had never been adopted.  
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4 PASSED this 3rd day of June, 2008.  
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6 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
7 Snohomish County, Washington  
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11 Council Chair

12 ATTEST:

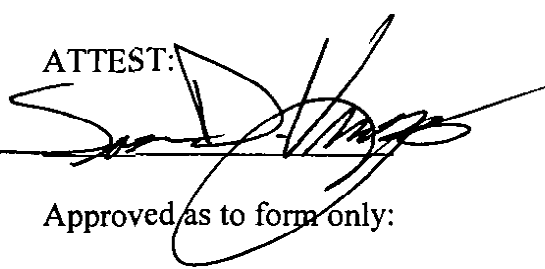
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14 Asst. Clerk of the Council  
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- 16 (✓) APPROVED  
17 ( ) EMERGENCY  
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19 DATE: 10 June, 2008  
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23 Snohomish County Executive  
24 PETER B. CAMP  
25 Executive Director

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28 Approved as to form only:  
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31 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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Exhibit A  
Amended Ordinance No. 08-046  
Final Docket XII, Adopting Technical Text Corrections to the GMACP  
GPP 4 Technical Text Corrections

**Amend GPP Policy LU 4.A.2 on page LU-26 to replace the word “that” with “should.”**

The proposed amendment to GPP Policy LU 4.A.2 would read:

- 4.A.2 The county shall explore and consider design guidelines for residential, commercial and industrial development that meet the following criteria:
- (a) Residential developments ((that)) should support family households and children by providing adequate and accessible open space and recreation, and encouraging opportunities for day care, preschool and after school care services within close proximity.
  - (b) Where increased density housing is proposed, the height, scale, design and architectural character should be compatible with the character of buildings in the surrounding area.
  - (c) New buildings oriented onto the street, maintain or create streetscape and pedestrian qualities and reduce the visual impact of parking lots, garages and storage areas.
  - (d) Where high rise buildings are developed, street level uses are limited to commercial activities, entertainment services, public services, and other related public-generating activities.
  - (e) The appearance of existing areas ((that)) should ((is)) be improved by:
    - 1. encouraging well maintained landscaping on streets and in parking areas;
    - 2. reducing the visual clutter of utility poles, overhead power-lines, and suspended traffic signals;
    - 3. encouraging improvements to entrances, facades, and lighting; and
    - 4. grouping together signs and ensuring they are scaled and designed in a manner appropriate to the street frontage.

- 1 (f) Developments ~~((that))~~ should provide adequate  
2 setbacks, buffers and visual screens to make them  
3 compatible with abutting residential and other land uses.  
4 (g) Urban design ~~((that))~~ is sensitive to the preservation of  
5 existing cultural resources.  
6 (h) Consideration of design guidelines should include  
7 consideration of costs and impacts on affordable  
8 housing.  
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10 **Amend GPP Policy LU 8.C.6 on page LU-60 to drop reference to RCW 84.28.**

11 The proposed amend to Policy LU 8.C.6 would read:

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14 8.C.6 The maintenance of forest lands in timber and current use  
15 property tax classifications consistent with ~~((RCW 84.28,))~~  
16 RCW 84.33 ~~((;))~~ and RCW 84.34 should be encouraged.  
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18 **Amend GPP Objective CF 6.A on page CF-15 to refer to the year 2025 instead of**  
19 **2005.**

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21 The proposed amendment to Objective CF 6.A would read:

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23 Objective CF 6.A Update the six-year CIP to include a capital program to  
24 efficiently provide quality work space for existing and  
25 projected future staffing levels through the year ~~((2005))~~  
26 2025.  
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28 **Amend GPP Policy LU 3.F.5 on page LU- 24 to replace the numbering of “3.F.5”**  
29 **with “3.G.5”.**

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31 The proposed amendment to Policy LU 3.F.5 would read:

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33 ~~((3.F.5))~~ 3.G.5 Centers should be located and designed to be connected to  
34 bicycle and pedestrian trails.  
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36 **Amend GPP Policy LU 3.G.8 on page LU-24 to replace the words “base of that**  
37 **building” with “land area occupied by that building”.**

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39 The proposed amendment to Policy LU 3.G.8 would read:

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41 3.G.8 The county shall explore the use of floor area ratio (FAR) to  
42 determine density in centers. FAR is the relationship  
43 between the total amount of floor space in a multi-story

1 building and the ~~((base of that building))~~ land area occupied  
2 by that building.  
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4 **Amend GPP Policy LU 1.C.4 on page LU-7 to amend language regarding**  
5 **annexations.**  
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7 The proposed amendment to Policy LU 1.C.4 would read:  
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9 1.C.4 Annexations and planned urban densities shall be prohibited  
10 outside of the UGA boundary, and the provision of sanitary  
11 sewers to development outside and adjacent to the UGA  
12 shall be allowed only for ~~((; a))~~ public health emergencies ~~((;~~  
13 ~~b))~~ and for necessary public facilities that are required to be  
14 served by sanitary sewers and cannot be feasibly located  
15 within the UGA ~~((; and (c) for churches and schools located~~  
16 ~~within rural lands with sewer lines located on or directly~~  
17 ~~adjacent to the church or school property)).~~ Urban capital  
18 facilities, including sanitary sewer facilities, may be located  
19 outside a UGA only when there are compelling reasons for  
20 such locations related to engineering design requirements or  
21 significant limitations on site availability and when they are  
22 intended and designed solely to serve urban development  
23 with the UGA