

COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington
ORDINANCE NO. 81-103



PERTAINING TO THE REPEAL OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY
FIRE CODE (UNIFORM FIRE CODE, 1976 EDITION
AND AMENDMENTS) AS CONTAINED IN 16.04.010 - 16.04.110
OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE AND THE ENACTMENT OF
THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE CODE (UNIFORM FIRE CODE, 1979 EDITION
AND AMENDMENTS) AS CONTAINED
IN 16.04.010 - 16.04.160 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Chapter 16.04 adopted as Resolution dated January 15, 1979, is repealed.

Section 2. The following is adopted and made a part of the Snohomish County Code:

Sections

- 16.04.010 Uniform Fire Code (1979 Edition) Adopted - Copies on file.
- 16.04.020 Words and Phrases Changed
- 16.04.030 Amendments Adopted
- 16.04.040 Appendix Adopted
- 16.04.050 Section 1.102b Amended
- 16.04.060 Section 2.201a Amended - Annual Fire Inspection
- 16.04.070 Annual Fire Inspection Fee
- 16.04.080 Section 2.302 Amended
- 16.04.090 Section 3.101 Amended
- 16.04.100 Section 10.207 Amended
- 16.04.110 Section 10.301(c) Amended
- 16.04.120 Section 10 301(f) Amended
- 16.04.130 Section 10.309 Amended
- 16.04.140 Section 78 Amended
- 16.04.150 Fire Plan Review & Inspection Fee
- 16.04.160 High Life/Safety Hazard Occupancy Permit

16.04.010 - Uniform Fire Code (1979 Edition) Adopted - Copies on File

A certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the County Auditor, one copy on file in the office of the City Clerk of the following cities within Snohomish County: Arlington, Brier, Darrington, Edmonds, Everett, Gold Bar, Granite Falls, Index, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Marysville, Monroe, Woodway, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Snohomish, Stanwood and Sultan being marked and designated as "Uniform Fire Code, 1979 Edition" published by International Conference of Building Officials and Western Fire Chiefs Association, is hereby adopted as the fire code of the County of Snohomish to

prescribe regulations for the safeguarding to a reasonable degree of life and property from fire and explosion, providing penalties for the violations thereof, the same if hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and the provisions thereof shall be in effect, except as amended herein, within the unincorporated areas of Snohomish County.

16.04.020 - Words & Phrases Changed

Whenever the following words or phrases appear in the 1979 edition of the Uniform Fire Code they are to be changed as follows:

"city" to "county"
"jurisdiction" to "Snohomish County"
"Police Department" to "Sheriff's Department"
"Police Chief" to "Sheriff"
"Bureau of Fire Prevention" to "Office of Community Development"
"Fire Marshal" to "Fire Marshal as appointed by the appointing authority of Snohomish County"

16.04.030 - Amendments Adopted

The Uniform Fire Code, 1979 is amended and adopted as set out herein.

16.04.040 - Appendix Adopted

All appendices except Appendix J & D are hereby adopted, incorporated by reference and made part of this chapter.

16.04.050 - Section 1.102b Amended

Where no specific standards or requirements are specified in this code, or contained within other applicable laws (or adopted codes) or ordinances, compliance with Section 2.303b or other national recognized fire safety standards as are approved by the Building Official shall be deemed as "prima facia" evidence of compliance with the intent of this code.

16.04.060 - Section 2.201 is Amended by adding a new paragraph (c):

(c) There shall be an annual fire inspection for all buildings or structures in groups A, E, I, H, B, or R Div 1, Occupancy, for which a fee will be charged as per Section 16.04.070, EXCEPT no annual inspection is required for:

1. Group R Division 1, where the structure has no common area.
2. Group B containing less than 500 square feet when, in the opinion of the Fire Marshal, the structure does not need an annual inspection.

16.04.070 - Annual Fire Inspection--Fee

There shall be an inspection fee for inspections required in Section 16.04.060 as follows:

Under	1,000 sq. ft.	\$25
1,001 -	2,500 sq. ft.	35
2,501 -	5,000 sq. ft.	50
5,001 -	100,000 sq. ft.	60
over	100,000 sq. ft.	60 + \$15 per hour actual time spent

16.04.080 - Section 2.302 Amended

Section 2.302 is deleted and Snohomish County Code Section 17.50 is substituted.

16.04.090 - Section 3.101 Amended

"Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this code or fail to comply with any order made thereunder, or who shall act in violation of any detailed statement or specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken or who shall fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the Chief or a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severely for each and every violation and non-compliance respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable as provided in Section 1.01.100 Snohomish County Code. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue. All such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time. When not otherwise specified, each day the prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense. In addition, or in the alternative, any such person, firm or corporation, shall be subject to the assessment of a cumulative civil penalty as provided for in Chapter 16.20 Snohomish County Code. The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions."

16.04.100 - Section 10.207 Amended

Sections 10.207 A and B are hereby amended to read:

A. "Every building hereafter constructed shall be accessible to fire department apparatus by way of access roadways, to provide adequate fire-fighting and rescue operations. Such roadways shall be of all-weather driving surface with adequate roadway turning radius and capable of supporting the imposed loads of fire apparatus.

Exception: Where there are not more than 2 group R division 3, or M occupancies as defined by the Fire Code, the requirements of this

section may be modified, when in the opinion of the Chief, firefighting or rescue operations would not be impaired.

B. The required width of access roadway shall not be obstructed in any manner, including parking of vehicles. No parking signs and/or appropriate notice prohibiting obstruction may be required as approved by the Building Official and shall be maintained."

16.04.110 - Section 10.301(c) Amended

EXCEPTION

Structures built within the incorporated limits of a town or city where Snohomish County and the town or city have an interlocal agreement for inspections in Snohomish County and which have had approval from the fire department having jurisdiction within such town or city. Such approval shall indicate that the opinion of the chief of the local fire department, adequate fire flow requirements have been met. The details of any such approval shall be recorded and entered in the files of the code enforcement agency.

16.04.120 - Section 10.301(f) Amended

Delete Appendix D in its entirety.

16.04.130 - Section 10.309 Amended

Section 10.309 C is deleted in its entirety and substituted with the following:

"In all new or existing occupancies, other than group R, division 3 and M occupancies when serving more than 100 sprinklers, automatic sprinkler systems shall be supervised by an approved central, proprietary or remote station service, or a local alarm which will give an audible signal at a constantly attended location.

16.04.140 - Section 78 Amended

Article 78 deleted in its entirety and Chapter 212-16 Washington Administrative Code Fireworks is adopted in its place.

16.04.150 - Fire Plan Review and Inspection Fees

A new section is added to read:

When a plan or other data is required to be submitted by Subsection (B) Section 302 UBC prior to issuance of a building permit for:

- Sprinkler systems
- Alarm systems
- Ventilation Systems
- Underground tanks

L.P. tanks (under 500 gallons for residential use exempt)

a plan review fee shall be paid at the time of plan and specification submittal and an inspection fee shall be paid prior to permit issuance. Said fees shall be as follows:

Separate submittal:

Plans Examination	\$10.00 minimum
Permit	\$20.00 minimum

Based on valuation cost, then use valuation/fee schedule for building plans review and permits.

Building plan submittal inclusion:

Add \$1.30 per square foot valuation or valuation cost, whichever is less.

16.04.160 - High Life/Safety Hazard Occupancy Permit

For all uses found in Article 4, Section 4.101 of the UFC, there shall be required a High Life/Safety Hazard Occupancy Permit EXCEPT for the following:

Bonfires or Rubbish Fires: To kindle or authorize the kindling or maintenance of bonfires or rubbish fires. See Section 11.101.

Burning in Public Place: To ignite or burn waste material on publicly owned or controlled land, bridge, street or other public place which has not been set aside by public authority for such purpose. See Section 11.113.

Cellulose Nitrate Storage: To store or handle more than 25 pounds of cellulose nitrate plastic (pyroxylin) for the manufacturing or assembly of articles or parts of articles containing cellulose nitrate plastics (pyroxylin). See Article 27

Explosives or Blasting Agents: For permits for explosives or blasting agents, see Section 77.104.

Fruit Ripening: To ripen fruit by the process described in Section 46.101.

Fumigation or Thermal Insecticidal Fogging: To operate a business of fumigation or thermal insecticidal fogging. Also to maintain a room, vault or chamber in which a toxic flammable fumigant is used. See Article 47.

Nitrate Film: To store, handle, use or display nitrate film. See Article 33.

Radium: To store or handle at any installation more than 1 microcurie of radium not contained in a field source or more than 1 millicurie of radium or other radioactive material in a sealed source or sources, or any amount of radioactive material for which a specific license from the United States Atomic Energy Commission is required. See Article 80.

Tank Vehicles: To operate a tank vehicle for the transportation of flammable or combustible liquids. See Article 79, Division XI.

Places of Assembly: To operate a place of assembly as defined in Article 9 including any establishments requiring a license to operate (as per Snohomish County Code and as issued by the County Auditor) and/or State issued Liquor Control Board permits/licenses. Excluding: any assembly area used exclusively for meditation or worship and with an occupant load of less than 300.

Prior to the issuance thereof, an inspection shall be made by the Inspection and Compliance Division of the Office of Community Development upon payment of an inspection fee of \$35.00 and satisfactory inspection results are obtained. Thereafter, an annual inspection shall be made for each activity and a permit renewal provided pursuant to and in accordance with Section 16.04.060.

Dated November 9, 1981

Ronald J. Butler
Chairman

ATTEST:

Ullie Snyder
Clerk of the Council

ATTEST:

Willis D. Tinsley
County Executive

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Date 11-17-81