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COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington



ORDINANCE NO. 91- 113

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING REVIEW FEES;
AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE TITLE 23

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 23.16.240, last amended by Ordinance No. 90-195 on November 19, 1990, is **AMENDED** as follows:

23.35.010 Fees. The following fees which are in addition to any other fees provided for by law shall be charged when Snohomish county is the lead agency for a noncounty proposal.

(1) Threshold determination. For every threshold determination, a fee of \$((~~300~~))350 shall be required of the proponent of the proposal; except that a fee of \$400 shall be required on applications for subdivision, commercial/industrial rezones, and conditional use application for excavations and landfills: PROVIDED, That the threshold determination fee for single family dwellings and duplexes which would be categorically exempt but for the provisions of SCC 23.12.120 shall be \$((~~150~~))350. This fee shall be collected prior to undertaking the threshold determination, and the time periods provided in SCC 23.16.160 for making a threshold determination shall not begin to run until payment of the fee.

(2) EIS.

(a) The following EIS preparation and distribution costs shall be borne by the applicant or proponent.

(i) Actual cost of the time spent by regular county professional, technical, and clerical employees required for the preparation and distribution of the applicant's impact statement: PROVIDED, That such costs shall be accounted for properly: and PROVIDED FURTHER, That no costs shall be charged for processing of the application which would be incurred with or without the requirement for an EIS or which are covered by the regular application fee; and

(ii) Additional costs, if any, for experts not employed by the county, texts, printing, advertising, and for any other actual costs required for the preparation and distribution of the EIS; and

(iii) When an EIS is to be prepared by a consultant actual consultant fees which shall be solely the responsibility of, and billed directly to, the applicant or proponent: PROVIDED, That the applicant or proponent shall also bear such

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additional county costs as provided for in (i) and (ii) above as are incurred in the review, revision, approval, and distribution of the EIS.

(b) When an EIS is to be prepared by the county, following consultation with the applicant, the lead department shall inform the applicant of estimated costs and completion date for the draft EIS prior to accepting the deposit required by subsection 2(c). Such estimate shall not constitute an offer or covenant by the lead department, nor shall it be binding upon the county.

(c) In order to assure payment of the above county costs, the applicant or proponent shall post with the county cash, surety bond, or other sufficient and acceptable security in the minimum amount of \$1,500: PROVIDED, That for consultant-prepared EISS, the security may be in such lesser amount as deemed sufficient by the responsible official to cover estimated county costs. If accrued county costs will exceed the posted security, EIS preparation shall cease following reasonable notice to the applicant until posting by the applicant or proponent of such additional security as deemed sufficient by the responsible official to secure the payment of estimated additional county costs.


(d) If a proposal is modified so that an EIS is no longer required, the responsible official shall refund any fees collected under subsection 2 (a) thru (c) of this section which remain after incurred costs are paid.

(3) The county shall collect a reasonable fee from an applicant to cover the cost of meeting the public notice requirements of this ordinance relating to the applicant's proposal.

(4) The county may charge any person for copies of any document prepared under this ordinance, and for mailing the document in a manner provided by chapter 42.17 RCW.

PASSED this 14th day of August, 1991.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington


Chairperson

Approved as to Form:


Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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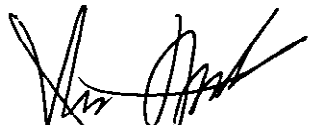
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Shila McAlister
Clerk of Council, *asst.*

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