



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 97-109

RELATING TO SEPA EXEMPTIONS IN ENVIRONMENTALLY  
SENSITIVE AREAS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 23.12 SCC

WHEREAS, on April 6, 1995, WAC 197-11-908 was revised to narrow the scope of its optional use by local jurisdictions, and to eliminate the use of environmentally sensitive areas for the purpose of removing activities from the SEPA exempt category; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has adopted critical area regulations pursuant to the GMA provisions of RCW 36.70A.060, and said regulations establish protection thresholds adopted as the county's thresholds for mitigation under SEPA; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County exercises its option not to implement WAC 197-11-908 provisions, and instead rely on its critical area regulations in Chapter 32.10 SCC to regulate development in critical areas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance brings Title 23 SCC into compliance with WAC 197-11-908 provisions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance will reduce project review duplication by eliminating SEPA review for certain minor development activities, and instead rely on critical area regulation review under Chapter 32.10 SCC;

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 23.12.120, last amended by Ordinance 95-004 on February 15, 1995, is repealed.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective on January 15, 1998.

PASSED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1997.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

John Harmer  
Chair

ATTEST:

Sheila McCallister  
Clerk of the Council, *asst.*

- APPROVED
- VETOED
- EMERGENCY

DATE 12/1/97  
Robert J. Drewel  
County Executive

ROBERT J. DREWEL  
County Executive

ATTEST:

Marilyn B. Abel

Approved as to form only:

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney