

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 14
UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE**

WHEREAS, RCW Chapter 36.70B, which governs local project review procedures, was recently updated by state legislation with the passage of 2SSB 5290 (2023), with the goal of consolidating, streamlining, and enhancing local permit review processes to achieve better outcomes for applicants, customers, planners, builders, and designers; and

WHEREAS, Skagit County adopted Ordinance O20250005 which reorganized its development regulations with a focus on streamlining residential permitting and improving the code's readability, usability, and administrative efficiency through a clearer and more logical chapter structure; and

WHEREAS, Since the adoption of O20250005, Planning and Development Services staff and the public have used and implemented the reorganized code and have identified opportunities for further improvement; and

WHEREAS, The initial draft code amendments were released to the public for comment to the Planning Commission from February 12, 2026, to March 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission to receive public testimony on March 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission deliberated and issued a Recorded Motion and recommendation for approval of the amendments to the Title 14 Unified Development Code, with suggested amendments on April 14, 2026 (**Attachment 1**); and

WHEREAS, Skagit County issued a Determination of Non-Significance under the State Environmental Policy Act for the amendments on February 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the public comments and the Planning Commission Recorded Motion.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Section 1. SCC Title 14 of the Skagit County Code is hereby amended as shown in **Attachment 2**.

DATED this ___ day of _____, 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Peter Browning, Commissioner

Joe Burns, Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

Approved as to Content:

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Department Head