WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (GMA), chapter 36.70A Revised Code of Washington (RCW), requires Snohomish County (the "County") to regulate land use and development within the County's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council adopted Title 30 of the Snohomish County Code (SCC) as a GMA regulation through Amended Ordinance 02-064, effective February 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, sixty-eight uses established in the County's use matrices – SCC 30.22.100, SCC 30.22.110, and SCC 30.22.120 – do not currently have definitions in chapters 30.91A to 30.91Z SCC; and

WHEREAS, thirty-one of those sixty-eight undefined uses listed in the use matrices are proposed to be defined in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Planning & Development Services (PDS) staff briefed the Agricultural Advisory Board at their meeting on April 14, 2015, on proposed definitions related to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, PDS staff briefed the Tulalip Tribes staff at a meeting on April 9, 2015, on the proposed definitions; and

WHEREAS, PDS staff briefed the Snohomish County Planning Commission ("Planning Commission") on April 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 26, 2015, to receive public testimony concerning the code amendments contained in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the code amendments contained in this ordinance at the conclusion of its public hearing, as set forth in its May 26, 2015 recommendation; and
WHEREAS, PDS staff briefed the County Council Planning Committee at their meeting on August 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2015, the County Council held a public hearing after proper notice, and considered public comments and the entire record related to the proposal contained in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the County Council deliberated on the code amendments contained in this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The County Council adopts the following findings in support of this ordinance:

A. The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings as if set forth in full herein.

B. This ordinance will amend Title 30 SCC to clarify an existing definition and to add thirty-one definitions for previously undefined uses to chapters 30.91A – 30.91W SCC. All of the uses defined in this ordinance appear in the use matrices in SCC 30.22.100, SCC 30.22.110, or SCC 30.22.120.

C. The use matrices are some of the most utilized sections in the SCC by staff and citizens. By defining currently undefined uses, this ordinance provides clarity and predictability for both citizens and staff and will assist staff with the timely processing of permit applications.

D. This ordinance is consistent with RCW 36.70A.020(7) (“Permits. Applications for both state and local government permits should be processed in a timely and fair manner to ensure predictability”) and maintains consistency with the GMA.

E. This ordinance is consistent with the following goals, objectives, and policies contained in the County’s GMA Comprehensive Plan:

1. Goal ED 2 “Provide a planning and regulatory environment which facilitates growth of the local economy.” Local economic growth is facilitated by consistent, predictable and timely permitting. Adequate use definitions facilitate consistent, predictable and timely permitting.

2. Objective ED 2.A “Develop and maintain a regulatory system that is fair, understandable, coordinated and timely.” Defining uses listed in the use matrices facilitates consistent decision making by County permitting staff and thus promotes a fair, understandable, coordinated, and timely regulatory environment.

3. ED Policy 2.A.1 “Snohomish County shall work to ensure that the Snohomish County Code is an understandable, accessible, and user friendly document.”
This ordinance furthers this policy by defining terms listed in the use matrices. Defining uses creates a more understandable and user friendly document.

F. Procedural requirements.

1. This ordinance is consistent with state law and chapter 30.73 SCC.

2. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106(1), a notice of intent to adopt this ordinance was transmitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce for distribution to state agencies on June 30, 2015.

3. The public participation process used in the adoption of this ordinance has complied with all applicable requirements of the GMA and the SCC.

4. The Washington State Attorney General last issued an advisory memorandum in December of 2006, as required by RCW 36.70A.370, entitled “Advisory Memorandum: Avoiding Unconstitutional Takings of Private Property” to help local governments avoid the unconstitutional taking of private property. The process outlined in the State Attorney General’s 2006 advisory memorandum was used by the County in objectively evaluating the regulatory changes proposed by this ordinance.

5. This non-project action is exempt from State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-800(19)(b).

G. This ordinance is consistent with the record.

1. The use matrices in SCC 30.22.100, SCC 30.22.110, and SCC 30.22.120 lay out what uses are permitted under thirty-four different zoning classifications within unincorporated Snohomish County. They are one of the most used sections of the SCC by staff and citizens. One of the challenges that staff has faced over the years is that not all of the more than 200 uses listed in the matrices have a corresponding definition in chapters 30.91A – 30.91Z SCC. Approximately sixty-eight individual uses listed in the three matrices currently do not have corresponding definitions.

2. This ordinance proposes to define in chapters 30.91A – 30.91W SCC thirty-one of the currently undefined uses set forth in the use matrices. A separate PDS project is under way to define the remaining undefined uses.

3. Four considerations were used in developing the use definitions: 1) consistency with past code interpretations and existing code provisions; 2) consistency with current permitting policies; 3) consistency with state and federal law, as applicable; and 4) minimizing overlap with other definitions.

4. PDS-Permitting, PDS-Code Enforcement, Snohomish County Parks staff, and PDS Management provided technical information for the development of the use definitions and subsequent review. The Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory
Board, the Tulalip Tribes, and the Planning Commission have also reviewed and commented on the draft definitions.

5. These definitions are designed to support how the SCC is currently administered.

Section 2. The County Council makes the following conclusions:

A. This ordinance complies with RCW 36.70A.020(7) and maintains consistency with the GMA.

B. The proposal is consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the County’s GMA Comprehensive Plan.

C. The proposal is consistent with Washington State law and the SCC.

D. The proposal is categorically exempt from review under SEPA pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(19)(b).

E. The regulations proposed by this ordinance do not result in an unconstitutional taking of private property for a public purpose.

Section 3. The County Council bases its findings and conclusions on the entire record of the County Council, including all testimony and exhibits. Any finding which should be deemed a conclusion, and any conclusion which should be deemed a finding, is hereby adopted as such.

Section 4. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91A of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91A.086 Adult entertainment business/use.

“Adult entertainment business/use” means any establishment or premises which has as a substantial or significant portion of its trade, the display, barter, rental, or sale of any adult entertainment medium, or which meets the definitions contained in SCC 30.28.015 of adult entertainment book stores, adult hotels, adult entertainment movie theaters, adult tanning salons, escort businesses, nude house cleaning businesses, adult entertainment dance studios, panoram premises, or public bathhouse or hot tub premises. “Adult entertainment” is defined in SCC 30.28.015.

Section 5. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91A of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91A.215 Antique shop.
“Antique shop” means an establishment where antiques are offered for sale or trade. Establishments offering antique automobiles (cars and trucks) for sale or trade are not included in this definition.

Section 6. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91A of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91A.292 Art gallery.

“Art gallery” means an indoor and/or outdoor establishment engaged in the display and sale and/or loan of works of art including, but not limited to, paintings, drawings, sculptures, and murals. Studios where works of art are produced are excluded.

Section 7. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91A of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91A.295 Asphalt batch plant & continuous mix asphalt plant.

“Asphalt batch plant & continuous mix asphalt plant” means an industrial facility used for the production of asphalt or concrete, or asphalt or concrete products, used in building or construction. It includes facilities for the administration or management of the business, the stockpiling of bulk materials used in the production process or of finished products manufactured on the premises and the storage and maintenance of required equipment, but does not include the retail sale of finished asphalt or concrete products.

Section 8. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91A of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91A.342 Auto towing.

“Auto towing” means an establishment that provides for the removal and temporary storage (no more than 20 days) of vehicles but does not include disposal, automobile wrecking, salvage, or indefinite storage of inoperable vehicles.

Section 9. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91C of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91C.007 Campground.

“Campground” means land developed to provide temporary occupancy by individuals or groups for recreation, religious, education, or vacation purposes. Campgrounds may include areas designated for tents, recreational vehicles, or yurts, and associated service buildings or facilities provided for the comfort or convenience of the campers, including but not limited to, hookup facilities, restrooms, shelters, and gathering spaces. “Temporary occupancy,” for this definition, shall mean for a period of 180 days or less in any 12-month period.
Section 10. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91C of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91C.085 Church.

“Church” means a building, including all accessory buildings, or meeting place intended primarily for the performance of religious services and/or where persons regularly assemble for religious worship. This includes synagogues, temples, mosques, and reading rooms or other places for religious worship and religious activity. This definition does not include facilities for training of religious orders, denominations, or sects.

Section 11. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91C of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91C.172 Commercial vehicle home basing.

“Commercial vehicle home basing” means a residence where approval has been granted for a resident to store and maintain commercial vehicles for use in his or her business which is not located on site. A commercial vehicle is any motorized or non-motorized vehicle (e.g., trailer) primarily used for commercial activities. This includes vehicles used for the commercial transport of passengers or cargo, as well as heavy machinery or construction vehicles.

Section 12. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91C of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91C.175 Commercial vehicle storage facility.

“Commercial vehicle storage facility” means an establishment that leases space for the storage of vehicles or where the principal use is storage of commercial vehicles, including the leasing of space for and/or the storage of boats and recreational vehicles. This does not include establishments where the principal use is the rental or sale of vehicles. A commercial vehicle is any motorized or non-motorized vehicle (e.g., trailer) primarily used for commercial activities. This includes vehicles used for the commercial transport of passengers or cargo, as well as heavy machinery or construction vehicles.

Section 13. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91D of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91D.292 Distillation of alcohol.

“Distillation of alcohol” means facilities used to separate component substances from a liquid mixture by selective evaporation and condensation to produce non-potable alcohol products for industry and/or agriculture, such as methyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, and denatured ethyl alcohol.
Section 14. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91E of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91E.235 Excavation & processing of minerals.

"Excavation & processing of minerals" means facilities where the primary uses are mining, mine site development, and preparing metallic minerals and non-metallic minerals such as sand, gravel, and coal for bulk transportation. Uses referred to in SCC 30.31D.010(2) are also included in this definition. The term "mining" is used in the broad sense to include ore extraction, quarrying, and preparing (crushing, screening, washing, sizing, concentrating, and flotation) customarily done at the mine site.

Section 15. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91F of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91F.062 Fairgrounds.

"Fairgrounds" means an area where buildings, structures, and land are used for the accommodation or support of periodic educational, cultural, entertainment, recreational, agricultural, and social activities. Fairgrounds may include the exhibition of livestock, the exhibition of farm or home products, rodeos, carnivals, agricultural demonstrations, education, trade or convention gatherings, tent and RV camping, community gatherings and events, other recreational activities as well as ancillary commercial activities.

Section 16. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91F of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91F.485 Forestry industry storage & maintenance facility.

"Forestry industry storage & maintenance facility" means a facility used or intended for the storage, for a period of more than 24 consecutive hours, of equipment or materials required for the growing and/or harvesting of timber or the gathering of forest products. This includes materials or equipment required to grow and/or harvest forest products such as gums, barks, balsam needles, rhizomes, fibers, Spanish moss, ginseng, and truffles.

Section 17. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91L of the Snohomish County Code to read:
30.91L.001 Laboratory.

"Laboratory" means a building or group of buildings or facilities used for scientific research, investigation, testing, or experimentation, but not for the manufacture or sale of products, except as incidental to the main purpose of the laboratory.

Section 18. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91L of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91L.075 Library.

"Library" means a public, non-profit establishment for the basic purpose of loaning and/or circulating materials, including but not limited to books, manuscripts, recordings, films, and reference materials, and providing reference services, access to computers and/or access to reading rooms for the public.

Section 19. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91M of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91M.230 Museum.

"Museum" means a building or site serving as a repository for the collection and public display of natural, historical, scientific, cultural, or literary curiosities or objects of interest, or works of art, with or without an admission charge.

Section 20. Snohomish County Code Section 30.91N.120, added by Amended Ord. 02-064 on December 9, 2002, is amended to read:

30.91N.120 Nursery.

"Nursery" means an area where trees, shrubs or plants are grown for transplanting, for use as stocks for budding and grafting, or for sale. For a primary use to qualify as a nursery, at least 50 percent of the area must be used for growing trees, shrubs, or plants, and incidental sales of accessories and materials other than trees, shrubs, and plants must be less than 25 percent of total sales and fees generated by the nursery.

Section 21. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91P of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91P.365 Public event/assembly on farmland.

"Public event/assembly on farmland" means a gathering or assembly on public or private farmland, open to the public, of 50 or more persons who have been charged or made a contribution towards the costs of the gathering or assembly for the purpose of amusement, entertainment, education, or similar common purpose that extends beyond the customary or usual agricultural activities generally associated with the property.
where the public event is to be located. “Public event/assembly on farmland” shall also
include the erection of temporary event tents. This definition shall not include repetitive
activities which constitute operating a business or are not subordinate to the use of the
property.

Section 22. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91R of the Snohomish County
Code to read:

30.91R.032 Recreational facility not otherwise listed.

“Recreational facility not otherwise listed” means a facility that provides recreation for
purposes of pleasure, exercise, relaxation, or amusement, which does not include any
primary use otherwise specifically listed in the use matrices in chapter 30.22 SCC and
includes any associated equipment or apparatus.

Section 23. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91R of the Snohomish County
Code to read:

30.91R.120.1 Rendering of fat tallow or lard.

“Rendering of fat tallow or lard” means a plant/facility that processes animal by-product
materials for the production of tallow, grease, and high-protein meat and bone meal.
This includes and comprises establishments engaged in processing animal fat, bones,
and meat scraps.

Section 24. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91R of the Snohomish County
Code to read:

30.91R.121.1 Resort.

“Resort” means a site with a building or series of buildings under common ownership
(may be non-profit or for profit) which provide interrelated visitor and vacation services
and are intended to serve the community and the recreation needs of people traveling
through an area. Activities and amenities which attract persons to use these facilities
could include, but not be limited to, developed beach areas, meeting halls for
conventions, and hiking trails.

Section 25. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91S of the Snohomish County
Code to read:

30.91S.375 Slaughter house.

“Slaughter house” means a building, structure, or establishment designed to
accommodate the confinement and slaughtering of live animals, where livestock is
slaughtered and prepared for distribution to butcher shops or retail sales establishments
such as grocery stores. This includes the assembly, cutting, and packing of meats from
carcasses but excludes temporary, mobile or other on-farm systems for dispatching
animals. Types of animals that can be slaughtered may be limited by federal, state, or local regulations.

Section 26. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91S of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91S.582 Stockyard.

“Stockyard” means any place, establishment, or facility consisting of pens or other enclosures and their appurtenances for the temporary keeping of livestock, in which livestock services such as feeding, watering, weighing, sorting, receiving, shipping, and preparation for slaughter are offered to the public. Stockyards shall not include public livestock auction facilities, feedlots, or quarantine registered feedlots.

Section 27. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91S of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91S.585 Storage, retail sales livestock feed.

“Storage, retail sales livestock feed” means any place, establishment, or facility used for holding or stockpiling of hay, grain, or other livestock feed materials or products, where the major function is the collection and/or distribution of the material or products intended for retail sale to the general public.

Section 28. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91S of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91S.770 Swimming/wading pool.

“Swimming/wading pool” means any structure intended for swimming, recreational bathing or wading that contains water over 24 inches (610 mm) deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools.

Section 29. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91T of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91T.015 Television/radio stations.

“Television/radio stations” means establishments that are engaged in operating broadcast studios and facilities for over-the-air, satellite, or cable in the delivery of radio and television programs. This establishment may contain one or more broadcasting studios for over-the-air, cable, or satellite delivery of radio or television programs, or studios for the audio or video recording or filming of musical performances, radio or television programs.

Section 30. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91T of the Snohomish County Code to read:
30.91T.017 Temporary dwelling during construction.

“Temporary dwelling during construction” means housing for employees for isolated industrial, mining, highway, or utilities construction projects where those employees occupy the housing on a seasonal basis for a period of 180 days or less in any 12-month period.

Section 31. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91T of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91T.018 Temporary dwelling for relative.

“Temporary dwelling for relative” means a manufactured home/mobile home accessory to an existing residence that provides a temporary living area, up to one calendar year, for a relative when continuous care and assistance necessitated by advanced age or infirmity is required. “Relative,” for this definition, means a person related by blood or marriage. Motor homes, busses, automobile chasses, tents, or portable buildings shall not be considered temporary dwellings.

Section 32. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91T of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91T.025 Temporary logging crew quarters.

“Temporary logging crew quarters” means a place, area, or piece of land, where sleeping places or housing sites are provided for temporary, seasonal occupancy by a silviculture related employer for the employer’s silviculture related employees or by another person who is providing accommodations for silviculture related employees.

Section 33. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91U of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91U.125 Utility facilities, all other structures.

“Utility facilities, all other structures” means facilities owned and/or operated by a utility, as defined in SCC 30.91U.110, and required for the operation of that utility but not otherwise listed in chapter 30.22 SCC.

Section 34. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91U of the Snohomish County Code to read:

30.91U.122 Utility facilities, electromagnetic transmission & receiving facility.

“Utility facilities, electromagnetic transmission & receiving facility” means facilities owned and/or operated by a utility, as defined in SCC 30.91U.110, which are primarily
used to transmit or receive electromagnetic signals. This includes radio, television, and
television facilities that transmit voice, data, text, sound, and video, but does not include
personal wireless telecommunication facilities.

Section 35. A new section is added to chapter 30.91U of the Snohomish County
Code to read:

30.91U.124 Utility facilities, transmission wires, pipes & supports.

“Utility facilities, transmission wires, pipes & supports” means facilities owned and
operated by a utility, as defined in SCC 30.91U.110, involved primarily in the
transmission, or distribution of electricity, gas, steam, communications, water or
sewage.

Section 36. A new section is added to Chapter 30.91W of the Snohomish
County Code to read:

30.91W.082 Wholesale establishment.

“Wholesale establishment” means places of business primarily engaged in selling
merchandise to retailers; industrial, commercial, institutional, or professional business
users, or to other wholesalers; or acting as agents or brokers and buying merchandise
for, or selling merchandise to, individuals or companies for retail purposes.

Section 37. Severability and Savings. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase
of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid by the Growth Management Hearings Board
(Board), or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or
unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section,
sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance. Provided, however, that if any section,
sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid by the Board or
unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the section, sentence, clause
or phrase in effect prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be in full force and
effect for that individual section, sentence, clause or phrase as if this ordinance had
never been adopted.

PASSED this 2nd day of September, 2015.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

Dave Somers, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
APPROVED

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DATE: 9/8/15

County Executive

ATTEST:

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