

Using Snohomish County's Interactive Permit, Planning and Zoning Map To Find Information In Your Fire District

I. Accessing the Interactive Map

You can access the Interactive Permit, Planning and Zoning Map by going to the county's main webpage at www.snoco.org.

Type the words "Interactive Map" in the search box, and click on the second choice: "*Snohomish County: Maps: Interactive Map.*"

II. Learning How to Use the Map

You have reached the first of two information pages. This initial page contains some general information on browser compatibility, internet settings, and how to use the map itself. It also contains a link (in the third paragraph) to the main information page for the Interactive Map. Please click on that link.

The main information page provides a listing of the types of information contained within the map, information on how to use the map itself, and steps you can take to neutralize pop-up blockers and adjust your existing computer settings, which may prevent you from having full use of the map.

The information contained within the map continues to grow as our geographic information systems capabilities expand. The following information layers are available now on the Interactive Map:

- Parcels with permit information
- County Zoning Classifications
- Comprehensive Plan Designations
- Flood Hazard Information
- Shoreline Management Areas
- Streams, Lakes and Topography
- Fire District Boundaries
- Aerial photography (2007)

You can obtain more tips on how to use the map by clicking on the link to "Frequently Asked Questions" at the bottom of the main information page. We have also provided a link to contact information for county Planning and Development Services staff, which will be happy to answer additional questions you may have.

Disclaimer: Although the information on this map is relatively accurate, please consider it unofficial. Official maps are available at the Snohomish County Planning and Development Services' public counter, located on the 2nd floor of the County Administration building.

III. Using the Map

To enter the map, click on the "start" button on the bottom of the main information page.

To access the layers of information, you'll be using a series of tools on the green side bar to the left of the map. Sections of this sidebar will help you find areas and properties, zoom in and out for different perspectives, check topography and aerial views and print map sections.

As you are using the map, you may have to take a step or two so that your computer will have full access to the features. When you are trying to bring up a box of information (for example, "Locate Address" or "View Permit Information"), you may need to temporarily disable your computer's pop-up blockers by clicking the "Yes" button. Some users may have to adjust their computer settings.

To find out what developments have been permitted in your fire district, please follow these steps:

1. Guide the map to the general area where the district is located.
 - a. On the left sidebar, you will see "Go to" with a box that has a drop-down menu of choices.
 - b. The map will center and rescale appropriately.
2. Check the box before the words "Fire District" on the map layer section of the left sidebar.
3. Take a look at the resulting map. You may want to use a map action key to zoom in or out, or adjust (move) the map in any direction. Click on the appropriate map action key and then click on the area or parcel to which you want the action applied. The map will make the adjustment you selected.
4. When you have zoomed into your district, you will notice yellow shading on some properties. This indicates permit activity.
5. To find the type of permit issued on a particular parcel, click on the phrase "*view permit information*" at the top of the left side bar, and then click on that subject property. This will bring up a box of information on the permit, which lists all the permit-related activity and includes the parcel and permit numbers. If you click on the permit number, you will have access to more detail on the project, as well as the name of the project manager.

To find out what type of development is occurring on a particular parcel within your fire district, please follow these steps:

1. If you know the address of the property, go to the left side bar and click on "Locate Address".
2. This will give you the parcel number, project file number, project type and status. If you click on the project file number, you will have access to more detail on the project, as well as the name of the project manager.

IV. Contacting County Staff

For Fire District - related concerns, please contact:

Office of the Snohomish County Fire Marshal
Snohomish County Planning & Development Services
Phone 425-388-3557
FAX 425-388-3670

For permit-related questions, please contact:

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Snohomish County Planning & Development Services
Phone: 425-388-3311, extension 2475
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