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**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Rule: 3521	Relating to Urban Residential Design Standards and Guidelines
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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** Initial promulgation of Rule 3521.

**SEE ALSO:** Snohomish County Council Ordinance No. 08-101 adopted January 21, 2009, relating Urban Residential Design Standards.

**SCC APPLICABILITY:** This Rule is applicable to Snohomish County Code chapter 30.23A.

**PURPOSE:** Ordinance No 08-101 establishes design standards for new residential development located unincorporated urban growth areas. These design standards are intended to improve the design quality of residential dwellings and address compatibility between higher and lower density residential development. In order to assist in the application of these new design standards to project review a design manual was created. This manual provides detail and illustrations to help clarify the intent of the design standards and will facilitate the permit application and review process for applicants and county staff.

**RULE SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Snohomish County Code (SCC) 30.82.030 (Rulemaking), the Department of Planning and Development Services (PDS) proposes adopt the Snohomish County Residential Design Manual for use in the review of development applications submitted under chapter 30.23A SCC. The manual contains illustrations and photographs pertaining to the design standards required by chapter 30.23A SCC. Single family, detached, duplex, townhouse and multiple family developments is required to comply with the new urban residential design standards. The manual is referenced in the code and compliance with the manual will be considered in the review of urban residential development applications. When there is a conflict between the manual and the code, the code will prevail. The manual provides both an applicant and the general public guidance to comply with the regulations contained in chapter 30.23A SCC.