

**ORDINANCE NO. 893**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON,  
REQUIRING THE DILIGENT PURSUIT OF PROJECT PERMIT APPLICATIONS  
AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 14.30.140 TO THE SNOQUALMIE MUNICIPAL  
CODE

WHEREAS, it would promote the orderly administration of project review to  
require the diligent pursuit of project permit applications by applicants, now, therefore,  
be it

ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, as  
follows:

Section 1. There is hereby added to the Snoqualmie Municipal Code a new  
section 14.30.140, to read as follows:

14.30.140 Diligent pursuit of project permit applications - required.

A. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to diligently pursue project permit applications. If the applicant does not diligently pursue a project permit, the application shall be deemed abandoned and a new application shall be required. For purposes of this chapter, diligent pursuit shall mean compliance with the provisions of subsections B and C of this section.

B. When the preparation of environmental documents is required or when additional information, documentation or studies are requested by the city, the planning official shall establish a reasonable time period during which action should be completed and shall communicate such determination in writing to the applicant. If the action has not been completed within such time period, the planning official shall notify the applicant in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by ordinary mail that the application shall be deemed abandoned within 20 days if such action is not completed.

C. In all cases, if there has been no communication from the applicant or action upon an application for a period of 120 days, the application shall be deemed abandoned, and the planning official shall notify the applicant thereof by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by ordinary mail, provided such time limit shall not apply in the event the delay is due to the city's failure to diligently process an application submitted to it or to render a decision within applicable time limits

D. The planning official may extend the time periods established in sections B and C upon a showing of good cause, provided that the request for extension is made prior to expiration of such time period.

E. The hearing examiner may upon application made within 14 days after the date of mailing of any notice that an application has been deemed abandoned reinstate such application upon a showing that the failure to diligently pursue the application was due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control, but not including financial inability, and that in fairness the application should be reinstated. The hearing examiner may impose conditions upon such reinstatement of an application, and shall require the payment of all city costs incurred in consideration of the request for reinstatement.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption and the expiration of five days after its publication, as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this 13th day of November, 2001.

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R. Fuzzy Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

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Jodi Warren, CMC City Clerk