

**Chapter 14.230**  
**DESIGN STANDARDS OUTSIDE**  
**HISTORIC DISTRICT**

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**14.230.010 Purpose**

The purpose of the design standards for outside the Historic District is to:

- A. Build on Snohomish’s rich heritage;
- B. Emphasize buildings, landscaping, and small town appeal, not parking and signs;
- C. Maintain the scale and texture of development;
- D. Support pedestrian movement and the use of transit and bicycles;
- E. Encourage creative designs for sites and buildings;
- F. Allow for infill development that is sensitive to its context;
- G. Implement the Comprehensive Plan; and
- H. Stimulate business and property investment.

**14.230.020 Design Standards**

- A. *The City of Snohomish Design Standards and Guidelines (Outside the Historic District)* dated April 6, 2004 are hereby adopted and shall be kept available at the

office of the City Planner.

- B. The above design standards shall be subject to interpretation in accordance with SMC 14.05.050 and also are subject to obtaining variances in accordance with Chapter 14.70 SMC.

**14.230.030 Implementation of Design Standards – Reviewing Entity**

- A. Chapters 14.25 through 14.50 SMC (Type 1 through 6 permits) establish the processes wherein the City shall require conformance with the design standards.

- B. Outside the Historic District the City Planner shall be the “reviewing entity,” except that the Design Review Board shall be the “reviewing entity” in the case of buildings or facilities proposed by government entities such as City, fire district, school district, or state.

**14.230.040 Exemptions**

Outside the Historic District, all City approvals of property improvements shall undergo design review as stated in Chapters 14.25 through 14.50 SMC (Type 1 through 6 permits), except the following which are exempt:

- A. Development permits not immediately associated with building construction or landscaping, such as short plats, subdivisions, and new land use designations unaccompanied by any actions related to site plans or building permit application;
- B. Construction activities which do not require a building permit (example: the re-painting of buildings);
- C. Modifications to existing structures which will not be visible from outside the structure;

D. Demolitions; and

E. Normal repair and maintenance.

**14.230.050 Submittal Requirements**

The applicant shall complete the appropriate application forms and submit the application and fee to the City Planner. The City's application forms shall be developed by the City Planner and approved by the City Manager and shall specify the submittal requirements, which requirements shall be consistent with the laws applicable to each specific permit and may include but not necessarily be limited to the information specified in SMC 14.55.005. (Ord. 2082, 2005)