

ORDINANCE NUMBER 49-98

INTERIM AMENDMENTS TO THE MASON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE amending the following parts of the Mason County Environmental Policy Ordinance [Ord. No. 758 (5/77), Ord. 77-84 (10/84), Ord. 17-95 (2/95), and Ord. 55-97 (5/97)]: Parts Two, Three, Four, Six, eight, Nine, and Ten.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners did adopt the above-mentioned ordinances as the Mason County Environmental Policy Ordinance and did adopt Title 8, Environmental Policy, in October 1978 as part of the Mason County Code;

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70B (Local Project Review) was codified in 1996 and set forth project review procedures which emphasize concurrent review and timely appeal processes, and also adopted amendments to RCW 43.21C, the State Environmental Policy Act, in 1997;

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Ecology issued new Rules, WAC Chapter 197-11, that became effective in November of 1997, and issued a new draft Model Ordinance in March of 1998, and have not issued a new SEPA Handbook to date to guide implementation by local governments of the revised state laws;

WHEREAS, the changes to the state law become effective and must be implemented by local governments by May 9, 1998;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Mason County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and ADOPTS on an INTERIM basis for six months the amendments to the Mason County Environmental Policy Ordinance, No. 99-84, as amended.

DATED this 19th day of May, 1998.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board


John A. Bolender, CHAIRPERSON

ABSENT
Mary J. Cady, COMMISSIONER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Prosecuting Attorney


Cynthia D. Olsen, COMMISSIONER

c: Community Development
Prosecutor