

ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-05

INTERIM ORDINANCE EXTENDING AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 104-03, REVISING SIGN REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, the intent of the sign regulations is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the number, size, design, quality of materials, construction, location, electrification and maintenance of all signs and sign structures; to preserve and improve the appearance of the county as a place in which to live and as an attraction to nonresidents who come to visit or trade; to encourage sound signing practices as an aid to business and for public information but to prevent excessive and confusing sign displays or signs that pose a hazard to the public;

WHEREAS, the county Hearing Examiner expressed concern over the legal durability of the existing sign regulations, resulting in adoption of interim sign regulations in Ordinance 104-03;

WHEREAS, Mason County has adopted specific sign codes for the Allyn and Belfair Urban Growth Areas since the adoption of Ordinance 104-03, but has not yet adopted specific sign codes for the Shelton Urban Growth Area or the Rural Areas;

WHEREAS, Mason County is updating its comprehensive plan and regulations and expects to complete new sign codes for the Shelton Urban Growth Area and the Rural Areas this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MASON COUNTY DO HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1.

Extend the effective date of Ordinance 104-03 until September 17, 2005.

SECTION 2.

Amend the Mason County Development Regulations by adding a new section as follows:

1.03.201 Application of sign regulations.

The sign code regulations contained in Sections 1.03.205 through 1.03.240, and Sections 1.05.024 through 1.05.027, inclusive, do not apply within the Allyn Urban Growth Area or the Belfair Urban Growth Area. Instead, Chapter 17.16 contains the applicable regulations of the Allyn Urban Growth Area, and Chapter 17.34 contains the applicable regulations for the Belfair Urban Growth Area.

SECTION 3.

Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.390, the Board will hold a public hearing on this interim

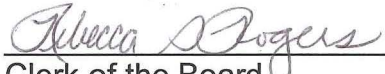
ordinance on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at 9:30 A.M.

DATED this 15th day of March, 2005.

Board of Commissioners
Mason County, Washington

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Tim Sheldon	Lynda Ring Erickson	Jayni L. Kamin, Chair

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Prosecuting Attorney