ORDINANCE NUMBER

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 17.06 OF THE MASON COUNTY CODE REVISING DEFINITION OF "STRUCTURES" TO EXEMPT FENCES AND SIGNS LESS THAN SEVEN (7) FEET IN HEIGHT

AN ORDINANCE amending Title 17, Chapter 17.06 of the Mason County Code under the authority of Chapter 36.70 and 36.70A RCW.

WHEREAS, amendments to Title 17, Chapter 17.06 as adopted revise the definition of "structure" to exempt fences and signs less than seven (7) feet in height; and

WHEREAS, the current height exemption is six (6) feet which conflicts with the newly adopted 2012 International Residential Code that reads fences not over seven (7) in height are exempt from building permits; and

WHEREAS, to maintain consistency between building codes and development codes, the definition of structures, including fences, subject to development permits is also revised to exempt fences and signs less than seven (7) in height;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Board of Commissioners of Mason County hereby amends the Mason County Code Title 17 (Zoning), Chapter 17.06, Section 17.06.010 (Definitions) as to the definition of "Structures". (See Attachment A)

DATED this 18 day of March 2014.

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tim Whitehead, Chief DPA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Terri Jeffreys, Cha

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

Randy Neatherlin, Commissioner

ATTACHMENT A

DEFINITION OF "STRUCTURES" – DEVELOPMENT REGULATION UPDATE Title 17 – Zoning

Chapter 17.06 DEFINITIONS

17.06.010 Definitions.

"Structure" means anything constructed in the ground, or anything erected which requires location on the ground, or is attached to something having location on or in the ground, but not including fences or signs <u>six-seven</u> feet or less in height, driveways, or other paved areas.