NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SKAGIT COUNTY CODE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, TITLE 14, SECTIONS 14.04 DEFINITIONS, 14.06 PERMIT PROCEDURES, 14.08 LEGISLATIVE, 14.10 VARIANCES, 14.12 SEPA, 14.14, DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS, 14.16 ZONING, 14.18 LAND DIVISIONS, 14.24 CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE, 14.28 CONCURRENCY, 14.34 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, AND 14.44 ENFORCEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the Skagit County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the above described proposed amendments to Skagit County Code.

The purpose of the proposed code amendments relates to correcting typographical errors adding clarity, rectifying inconsistencies, including needed provisions, and general refinement of the existing regulations.

Skagit County Planning & Development services issued a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) on June 8, 2009, which was published on June 11, 2009, regarding these proposed code amendments. This threshold determination indicated that the proposal did not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. A 14-day comment period is associated with the threshold determination pursuant to RCW 43.21C and WAC 197.11.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2009, in the Skagit Room of the Skagit County Commissioners' Administrative Building located at 1800 Continental Place Mount Vernon, Washington, beginning at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible and continuing until no further comment is forthcoming. Deliberations on the matter are scheduled to be held on July 14, 2009.

Further information and/or copies of the proposed code amendments will be available beginning on Friday, June 12, 2009, at the Planning & Development Services office, 1700 E. College Way, Mount Vernon, Washington, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. These documents will also be available on the Planning & Development Services website www.skagitcounty.net/planning.

Your views for or against the proposed modifications are invited by attendance, representation, or letter. Written correspondence, including facsimile transmittal or questions, may be submitted to: Skagit County Planning and Development Services, c/o Carly Ruacho, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington, 98273, (360) 336-9410 or FAX (360) 336-9416. Written comments (faxed, mailed, or delivered) will be received at the Planning & Development Services Department until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2009. Written comments may also be submitted at the public hearing. E-mails will not be accepted.

Written correspondence submittal requirements. Comments on the proposal must be submitted on 8 ½" x 11" paper. Maps must be in black and white and also reduced to 8 ½" x 11" size for reproduction purposes. Submittals not meeting these requirements will, unfortunately, not be considered. Please specifically reference the proposed ordinance or issue that the comments relate to.

For citizens with special needs, the Skagit Room is accessible. Persons with special needs or disabilities are asked to call the Commissioners' Office at (360) 336-9300 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any needed accommodations.