

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Status Report and Schedule for the Review and Revision of  
Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations  
Under the Growth Management Act**

**WHEREAS** the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires each city and county in Washington to take legislative action to review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations every seven years to assure compliance with the GMA (RCW 36.70A.130(1)(a)); and

**WHEREAS**, under the schedule established in RCW 36.70A.130(4)(b), Skagit County and its cities/towns are required to comply with the comprehensive plan and development regulation review and update requirements by December 1, 2005; and

**WHEREAS** Skagit County created a comprehensive program of public participation tools and techniques designed to encourage early and continuous public participation in the 2005 GMA Update; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of that public participation process, the Board of County Commissioners established a "2005 Update and Public Outreach Steering Committee." The Steering Committee held numerous public meetings from October, 2004 through December, 2005, to review the comprehensive plan and assist in the development of draft revisions to the comprehensive plan and development regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, in mid-February, 2006, after incorporating many of the Steering Committee's recommendations, Skagit County released its 2005 GMA Update proposal for public review and comment. The proposal consisted of amendments to the countywide planning policies, the comprehensive plan and the development regulations, together with an environmental threshold determination and an integrated report under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and GMA. The proposal was available for public review and comment for a 60-day period, during which the Planning Commission held three public hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, following the public comment period, Planning and Development Services spent several months organizing, reviewing, analyzing and responding to the public comments – including more than 1,800 pages of written comments – and distributing those materials to the Planning Commission and interested members of the public; and

**WHEREAS** the Planning Commission began its deliberations on the 2005 GMA Update proposal in mid-August, 2006, completed its review of policy and code provisions in November, 2006, and is now deliberating on the more-than 200 citizen-, municipality-, and County-initiated proposals to revise the comprehensive plan/zoning map; and

**WHEREAS** the Planning commission needs additional time to complete its deliberations on the proposed revisions and to assure that its recommendations on the 2005 GMA Update to the Board of County Commissioners is in the public's best interest and in compliance with the GMA; and

**WHEREAS** the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development recommends that if a local government has made significant progress, but is unable to adopt all the needed revisions by its update deadline, then the legislative authority may take action to demonstrate the good faith and progress already made with a schedule for completing the update.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the following update schedule is established:

*January - February 2007*

Planning Commission will hold public meetings to complete its review and deliberations and to forward recommendation to Board of County Commissioners.

*February - March 2007*

Board of County Commissioners will hold public meetings to review and take action on the 2005 GMA Update.

**WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF OUR OFFICE** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

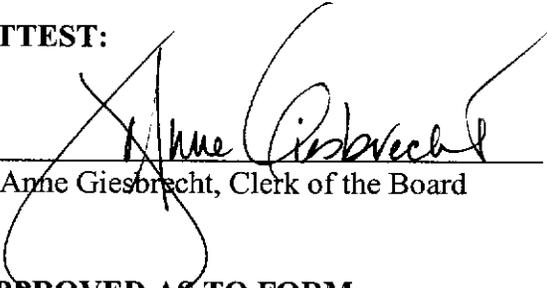


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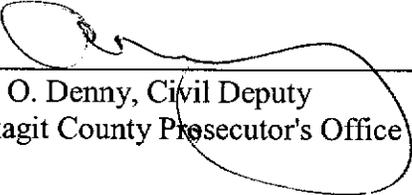
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