

ORDINANCE NO. 56, 1974

An Ordinance exempting certain categories of actions from the provisions of the County Environmental Policy Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the county has adopted an Environmental Policy Ordinance, and,

WHEREAS, that ordinance allows for the adoption of certain categories of actions which should be exempt from the provisions of that ordinance and,

WHEREAS, the County of Clallam has prepared an environmental assessment of certain categories of actions exempted herein and having considered the environmental impact of the following classes of action and determined that such classes of action are not major actions with a potential for significant affect on the quality of the environment under the circumstances and conditions described herein, Now, Therefore

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners that the following classes of action do not require a further determination of environmental significance, the preparation of an impact statement, or the preparation of the declaration of significant impact:

1. Class 1: Existing Impact Statement or Determination.

Class 1 consists of the following actions:

(a) Actions for which an adequate environmental impact statement has previously been prepared, for another stage of decision-making, by a county department or by a non-county agency pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 or the State Environmental Policy Act of 1971;

(b) Actions related geographically or as logical parts in a chain of contemplated actions for which an adequate environmental impact statement has previously been prepared by a county department or by a non-county agency;

(c) Actions within a program for which an adequate environmental impact statement has previously been prepared by a county department or by a non-county agency;

(d) Actions for which a determination of no environmental significance has previously been made by a county department and a declaration of no significant impact prepared.

2. Class 2: Existing Facilities. Class 2 consists of actions involving the inspection, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, utility facilities or mechanical equipment, involving no material expansions or changes of use beyond that previously existing, and not occurring in a "sensitive area", including but not limited to:

(a) Resurfacing or maintenance of existing paved streets, sidewalks and pathways, provided that in the case of the streets such resurfacing will not result in the addition of a new lane;

(b) Inspection, repair or maintenance of sewers, mains, pipes, utility substations, tunnels, treatment plants, pumping and regulator stations and related facilities;

(c) Inspection, repair or maintenance of existing railroad facilities such as road beds, tracks, bridges and signals on railroad rights of way;

(d) Inspection, repair or maintenance for flood control such as emergency flood protection actions and debris removal from stream channels.

3. Class 3: New Construction of Small Structures and other Minor Development. Class 3 consists of actions involving the construction and location of single small structures or facilities, not in conjunction with the building of two or

more such units, and other minor development, not occurring in a "sensitive area". Including but not limited to:

- (a) Single family residences and duplexes;
- (b) Barns, loafing sheds or similar small agricultural structures;
- (c) Small one story offices, recreation, service and storage buildings designed for an occupant load of 25 persons or less and with less than 2500 square feet of floor area;
- (d) Grading or filling or 500 cubic yards or less of material;
- (e) Accessory structures including garages, guest houses, carports, patios and fences;
- (f) Local bus stops, loading zones and pullout lanes, shelters, access facilities;
- (g) Traffic signs and signals;
- (h) Minor road and street improvements such as channelization and elimination of sight restrictions at intersections, street lighting, guardrail and barricade installation, installation of catch basins and culverts;
- (i) Installation of hydrological measuring devices;
- (j) Water main, sewage, electrical, telephone, gas and other utility extensions or upgrading, connections and support facilities of sufficient length, size and capacity to serve the construction and structures described in Class 3;
- (k) Demolition of any of the structures described in Class 3.

4. Class 4: Land Use Decisions. Class 4 consists of actions involving minor alterations in land use or minor temporary uses of land having short-term effects on the environment, including but not limited to:

(a) Variances for single family dwellings based on special circumstances applicable to subject property such as size, slope, topography, location or surroundings and not resulting in any change in land use or density;

(b) Classification of land for current use taxation pursuant to RCW Chapter 84.34, as amended;

(c) Renewals of plats, renewals of planned unit developes and renewals of zoning reclassifications.

5. Class 5: Information Collection and Dissemination; and Research. Class 5 consists of actions involving basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities. These may be for strictly information gathering purposes, or as a part of a study leading to an action which the county has not yet approved, adopted or funded. This class includes the engagement of consultants to furnish planning, design and related services for proposed county projects.

6. Class 6: Inspections and Enforcement. Class 6 consists of inspection activities to check for the performance, quality, health or safety of a structure or construction thereof and enforcement actions taken to obtain conformance with local or state law or regulations, including but not limited to:

(a) Inspection of structures and facilities, including schools, and related enforcement actions for compliance with building and health regulations;

(b) Inspection of food service establishments, mobile home parks, swimming pools and related enforcement actions for compliance with health regulations;

(c) Police patrol and traffic law enforcement.

7. Class 7: Regulatory actions for the Protection of Health and the Environment. Class 7 consists of regulatory actions taken by county departments, as authorized by state or local law, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protection of the public health and the environment, including but not limited to:

(a) Emergency disinfection procedures, routine rat control activities;

(b) Enforcement actions to obtain restoration of land and structures in compliance with state and local laws for the protection of the environment, such as State Shoreline Management Act, local grading regulations.

8. Class 8: Business and Other Regulatory Licenses. Class 8 consists of actions involving the licensing of business and related activities, including but not limited to:

(a) Licenses for amusement devices and entertainment, carnivals, dances, music machines, theatres, but not including outdoor music festivals;

(b) Licenses for charitable and religious solicitation, private security services, taxicab and other vehicles for hire;

(c) Licenses for junk dealers;

(d) Animal control licenses.

9. Class 9: General Administration and Operation; Personnel Actions. Class 9 consists of actions involving the county's procurement of general supplies and services, assessment and collections of taxes, borrowing of funds, review and payment of claims, and normal personal actions (e.g. hiring, terminations, appointments, promotions, allocations of positions, reductions in force).

The categorical exemptions contained herein shall be considered as exemptions under Section 8 of the Environmental

Policy Ordinance No. 53 of 1974 and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations on categorical exemptions contained therein.

DATED at Port Angeles this 27th day of November, 1974.

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:

S/  
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