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Ordinance 803

An ordinance amending portions of Clallam County Code
Chapter 31.05, Straits Regional Plan

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Section 1. Section .020, Focus 2014 – Vision for the Straits Region, is amended to read as follows:

We envision **the Straits Region as a vibrant rural and resource based community...** In the year 2014, the urban growth areas of Joyce, Clallam Bay, and Sekiu have retained their small town character by concentrating commercial development into compact core areas. The commercial core of these urban growth areas express the historic compatibility and coastal village design proposals first articulated by their community councils. Tree-lined streets and pedestrian-friendly town centers welcome local residents and tourists alike to stop and spend some time browsing through the locally produced merchandise or dining at the local cafes. Many hotel and tourist-related businesses have upgraded their facilities to attract tourists seeking destination resort accommodations and activities. Recreational trail users will be welcomed and directed to connections to many hiker, bicyclist, and equestrian trails in the nearby area. Local trails will be identified and mapped showing routes to the south, joining trails in the Olympic National Park and nearby Department of Natural Resources land as well as connections to the Olympic Discovery Trail to the coast. To the north, trails will lead to the scenic area of Salt Creek Park, Crescent Beach and their adjoining trail systems. Pedestrian amenities such as boardwalks, bicycle trails and fishing piers are utilized in combination with organized events to provide activities for local residents and visitors. Community festivals organized by local business throughout the year have made these urban areas popular sites for recreation-related conventions. Most residences in the urban growth areas are within walking distance of the commercial core. The urban growth areas in this region are linked by an efficient local transit system and provisions are made for non-motorized transportation utilizing bicycle lanes along Highway 112

a good place to live... The Straits region is known for its livable urban villages which express their own unique character. They are all noted for their quality of life, pedestrian orientation and superior design. The Highway 112 corridor is now tree lined as it passes through the urban areas, and businesses all along this corridor have upgraded their landscaping and physical appearance. Some high density, low cost housing has been built near the commercial core areas where easy access to transit and job opportunities is available. Well-designed and landscaped modular homes and multifamily developments provide an attractive low cost living environment. Unsightly land uses such as storage yards, junk yards and industrial have been screened and landscaped. Visitors to our area note the distinct rural boundaries on either side of the urban growth areas. Public access has been enhanced at Crescent Beach and to other marine shorelines. Recreational trails have been identified and enhanced in and around the region. Access for trail users to points of interest and other trails – such as the Olympic Discovery Trail – have been marked and maintained by local use groups. Increased use by local residents and tourists provides a point of pride and assures that the area is not only "a good place to live, but to visit."

where we work together... The Straits region enjoys a healthy and stable economy, emphasizing diversity in the range of goods produced and services provided. Tourism has become an economic focus for the west end retail community. In the Joyce area, mountain bike events on the Olympic Discovery Trail's "Adventure Route Trail" segment that traverses lands managed by the

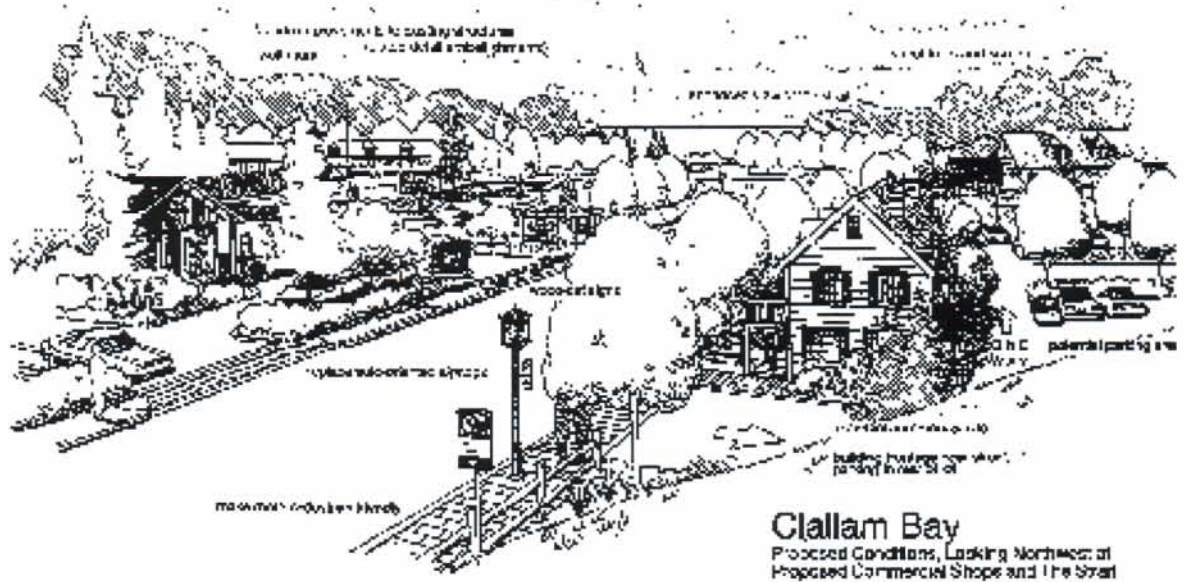
Department of Natural Resources have generated substantial revenue for the community. ,although
Many people work year round in the forest industry and corrections fields. Businesses continue to locate in our county because of the high quality of life, provision of business infrastructure, the emphasis on superior schools, and the ability of a family oriented community to provide a safe living environment for all. The business community also recognizes that the predictability brought about by the management of growth and the creation of effective public/tribal/private partnerships has fostered a relationship of trust between residents, business interests and governments. This trust has benefited the overall economic development of the County. Problems identified by residents and the business community are clearly articulated in the Plan and solutions have been proposed with clear sources of funding identified. Residents and business interests trust their local governments to follow through on solutions because the plans and promises made to manage growth in 1994 have been followed and changes to the original plan occur as a result of demonstrated community need. Relationships with tribal governments have improved as the community embraces its cultural diversity. Change is accepted and proceeds in an orderly fashion based on the growth management plan.

Over all, we envision a great place for all to live, work, and play!

Section 2. Section .050, Economic development element, paragraph (2), is amended to read as follows:

(2) The Vision for Economic Development. The Comprehensive Plan has enhanced economic diversity while protecting the quality of the environment and private property rights. The comprehensive plan serves as a foundation for land use regulation that is simple, minimally intrusive and inexpensive to apply. The comprehensive plan has facilitated economic development by focusing local strategies on solutions to local problems. Efforts have also been directed towards improving the economy in economically distressed areas of the County.

The Comprehensive Plan for the Straits Region focused on redevelopment of the communities of Clallam Bay and Sekiu into high-quality resort towns. Combining grant funding with local monies has led to extensive improvements in motel facilities, recreational facilities, street side landscaping, pedestrian amenities and building facade improvements. Many community activities and organized events occur throughout the year attracting groups seeking to recreate in an area of unsurpassed natural beauty. The existence of established trail systems on local timberlands provides a location for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians to hold 1 to 2-day events, providing substantial income to local businesses.



Environmental restoration efforts have been extensive over the last ~~fifteen~~ (15) years and the local fishery industry has experienced a rebound in recent years. Aquaculture research and implementation projects have created new jobs from the expansion of this industry in the west end of the County. Commercial forestry operations continue to employ many residents of the West End. The Clallam Bay Corrections Center has been expanded providing additional jobs and prison industries also contribute to the local economy.

The Joyce area has continued to experience growth as residents working in Port Angeles are attracted to the high quality rural environment. The Joyce urban growth area has seen additional development of low cost housing and recreational type developments. Joyce has retained its rural historic town appearance. High quality landscaping and building design have improved the aesthetics of the urban area. A park in the center of town induces many tourists to stop and enjoy the shopping in this rural community. A master planned resort has been developed north of Joyce in the Crescent Beach area and resort facilities at Whiskey Creek and the Lyre River have been expanded. The County Park at Salt Creek now includes portions of Crescent Beach. The trail system of the park has been expanded and signed to include trails to Striped Peak and connections south to Joyce and its trail system for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians. The trail systems in the Joyce area include the Olympic Discovery Trail "Adventure Route" segment that connects to the Lyre River and Spruce Mountain Railroad grade segments that have also been incorporated into the Olympic Discovery Trail route.

Section 3. Section .070, Economic development goals and policies, paragraph (14), is amended to read as follows:

(14) Recreational development ~~which that~~ provides attractions to tourists and citizens in the area should be encouraged. Expanded and enhanced multi-use trail systems should be constructed with links to area attractions. Examples of appropriate developments ~~would~~ include master-planned resorts located at Crescent Beach or at Clallam Bay. Reasonable public access to shorelines should be required with master-planned resort development. Developers seeking such opportunities in the County should be directed to these sites.

Section 4. Section .170, Land use element, paragraph (1)(d), is amended to read as follows:

(1) Growth Management Goals.

(d) Open Space and Recreation. Encourage the retention of open space and development of recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks. Expand and enhance multi-use trail opportunities. Using forest service roads and easements for trails through private timber companies will maximize the use of land for recreation and timber harvest.

Section 5. Section .180, Urban growth areas – A vision for the Clallam Bay-Sekiu and Joyce urban growth areas, is amended to read as follows:

We envision that the communities of Clallam Bay, Sekiu and Joyce have retained their small-town character by concentrating commercial development into compact commercial centers located at Clallam Bay, Sekiu, at Midpoint and in the central portion of the Joyce urban growth area. These commercial centers are separated or surrounded by areas of compact urban density development which provide convenient access for local residents to commercial conveniences and avoids the strip commercial blight which impacts many urban areas. The commercial core areas of Clallam Bay and Sekiu express the coastal village design guidelines first articulated by their Community Council. The commercial core of Joyce retains a small-town atmosphere and compatibility with historic buildings as articulated by its Community Council. Tree-lined streets and pedestrian-friendly village centers welcome local residents and tourists alike to stop and spend some time browsing through the locally produced merchandise or dining at the local cafes. A new roadside park in the center of Joyce, the redesigned County Park in downtown Clallam Bay and the Sekiu waterfront are favored locations for many community organized events held throughout the warmer months which attract many visitors to these urban areas. The village center in Clallam Bay also has seen many improvements with an upgrading of visual appearance, the provision of a community stage for events, improvements to pedestrian amenities and integration of the County park into the village center. A boardwalk constructed along the shoreline in Sekiu and extending around the marina is a major regional attraction. Hotels and urban businesses have upgraded their facilities focusing efforts on conversion of the facilities from accommodations for fishermen into the eventual development of a high-quality destination resort community. The fishing industry has rebounded in the last ~~ten~~(10) years and Clallam Bay and Sekiu have diversified their tourism base by promoting recreational events such as diving, windsurfing, mountain biking and low-cost urban getaway packages.

The town of Joyce has capitalized on its central location to host several trail events. Mountain biking enthusiasts enjoy the trail system on close-by Department of Natural Resources land; equestrian events make use of access to the Olympic Discovery Trail and connecting links to the Mt. Mueller trail system; and day hiking and backpacking in the nearby Olympic National Park and Sadie Creek Trail system remain popular destinations. Newly developed off-road motorized and non-motorized trails from Sekiu to Cowan Ranch State Park are well-used. Providing support for these users benefits the Joyce economic base.

Well designed and landscaped manufactured home parks and multifamily developments provide an attractive low cost living environment in the urban area. Public access to Clallam Bay has been enhanced by redesigning the County Park to face downtown Clallam Bay. Clallam Bay and Sekiu are linked to the larger urban areas by an efficient local transit system and provisions are made for non-motorized transportation between the ~~two~~(2) towns through development of a bikeway corridor along Highway 112. Watershed and stream restoration grants have been used to employ local residents and restore valuable fish and wildlife habitat.

The urban areas of Clallam Bay, Sekiu, and Joyce provide a mixture of employment, residential, commercial, cultural, and recreational opportunities. Employment and prison related facilities and industries continue to expand at the Clallam Bay Corrections Center. Much of the new urban type development ~~which that~~ occurred after 1994 took place within the existing urban centers where infrastructure was in place or could be easily extended. The PUD and the County provide services within the Clallam Bay-Sekiu urban growth area while Crescent Water provides ~~water~~ service within the Joyce urban area.

Section 6. Section .210, Clallam Bay/Sekiu urban growth area policies and goals, paragraph (3)(b), is amended to read as follows:

(3) Joint Planning with the Clallam Bay-Sekiu Community Council.

(b) ~~{Goal No. 4}. Redesign the existing County Park in Clallam Bay so that it to~~ serves as a village green where community events can take place ~~with and which provides~~ dramatic views of Clallam Bay from the business district. Improvements should provide ~~for~~ green spaces ~~which that~~ front on the highway and encourage ~~the travelers~~ public to stop and enjoy the community. Bicycle trails should be provided and signed for access to local businesses and services. Shared parking agreements with adjacent businesses may be needed to allow portions of the ~~current existing parking~~ lot to be converted to green spaces fronting on the highway.

Section 7. Section .220, Joyce urban growth area policies and goals, paragraph (8), is amended to read as follows:

(8) Public or private urban services ~~to be~~ provided within the Joyce urban growth area should include provisions for sanitary waste, solid waste community disposal systems, water systems, urban roads, ~~and~~ pedestrian/bicycle pathways and facilities, transit ~~systems,~~ storm water systems, police, ~~and~~ fire, and emergency services, ~~systems,~~ electricity and communications ~~systems,~~ school and health-care facilities, and neighborhood and/or community parks.

Section 8. Section .250, Rural land use goals in the Eastern Straits, paragraphs (1)(g) and (4)(b), are amended to read as follows:

(1) Goals and Policies to Retain Rural Character

(g) ~~{Goal No. 7}. Conversion of forest lands of long-term commercial significance located outside of urban growth areas into rural land uses other than master-planned resorts or for a State correction center expansion will be prohibited in order to retain the base of industrial forest lands upon which that~~ the County's primary industry is dependent on. These lands provide important functions relating to the preservation of water quantity and quality, ensure water quantity, for protection of habitat, and to provide scenic vistas from rural lands and highways which are vital to the conservation of rural character. Forested landowners should be encouraged to support trail systems for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians thus maximizing the value of these forest lands to the community for recreation and a healthy lifestyle.

(4) Goals to Retain Scenic Corridors along State Highways.

(b) ~~{Goal No. 15}. In order to preserve scenic rural corridors, Clallam County should work with the Department of Natural Resources and other large forest land owners to make corridors along State highways a showcase for forestry practices such as commercial thinning, roadside forested buffers, shelterwood cuts, and other modern silvicultural practices. A linear, non-motorized, multi-use trail should be included in the SR 112 scenic corridor to allow bicycle traffic a safe route for pleasure and commuter travel. Where appropriate, use of the trail should include horses.~~

Section 9. Section .290, Resource lands element for the Straits planning area, paragraphs (1)(b) and (2) are amended to read as follows:

(1) Growth Management Goals.

(b) Encourage the retention of open space and development of recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks. Maximize use of forested lands with user-maintained trail systems for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians; i.e. supporting the presence and completion of the Olympic Discovery Trail as it proceeds to the coast.

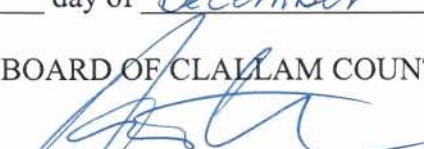
(2) A Vision for Forest Resource Lands. We envision the retention of forest resource lands and the maintenance of the forest industry as a major industry in the County. The forested foothills of the region remain in resource land use providing for jobs, clean and abundant water and forested vistas. Trail systems provide recreational opportunities for residents and tourists with minimal impact on forest production. New research in commercial forest practices has helped reduce conflicts between timber management and environmental protection. The steep ravines of the streams in the watershed retain their forested cover providing a filter for runoff and ~~providing~~ cover and movement corridors for wildlife ~~as well as and~~ fish.

Section 10. Section .310, Goals and policies to conserve commercial use of forest lands, paragraph (11), is amended to read as follows:

(11) Public use of logging roads that connect Highway 101 and Highway 112, such as the Joyce Access Road, Sadie Creek Road, East Twin Road, etc. should be retained. Existing logging roads are utilized by the Olympic Discovery Trail west of the Mary Clark Road to access the community of Forks and extend a spur of the trail to the vicinity of LaPush. These roads should be available for recreational users such as hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians and only closed when harvesting practices necessitate. With the frequent closure of Highway 112 being subject to frequent closures, these roads provide important secondary and emergency routes for the Straits Region.

ADOPTED this nineteenth day of December 2006

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


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