

**RESOLUTION 2016 – 656**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, APPROVING A DRAFT SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

**WHEREAS** the Washington State Legislature has determined that the shorelines of the state are among the most valuable and fragile of its natural resources and that there is great concern throughout the state relating to their utilization, protection, restoration, and preservation;

**WHEREAS** the Washington State Legislature has determined that ever increasing pressures of additional uses are being placed on the shorelines necessitating increased coordination in the management and development of the shorelines of the state;

**WHEREAS** the Washington State Legislature has determined that: much of the shorelines of the state and the uplands adjacent thereto are in private ownership; that unrestricted construction on the privately owned or publicly owned shorelines of the state is not in the best public interest; and therefore, coordinated planning is necessary in order to protect the public interest associated with the shorelines of the state while, at the same time, recognizing and protecting private property rights consistent with the public interest;

**WHEREAS** the Washington State Legislature passed the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 Revised Code Washington) to establish requirements for the management of the state's shorelines;

**WHEREAS** the Shoreline Management Act and applicable regulations (Chapter 173-26, Washington Administrative Code) require local governments with shorelines of the state within their boundaries to develop and administer a shoreline master program (SMP);

**WHEREAS** the City of Waitsburg has prepared, with the assistance of neighboring jurisdictions, a draft SMP entitled, "City of Waitsburg Shoreline Master Program;"

**WHEREAS** the City of Waitsburg consulted with and sought comments from persons, groups, and other entities having interests or responsibilities related to the City's shorelines;

**WHEREAS** the City of Waitsburg sought comments on the draft proposal from the Washington State Department of Ecology;

**WHEREAS** the City of Waitsburg provided the Washington State Department of Commerce notice of the City's intent to adopt the SMP, 60 days before adoption;

**WHEREAS** on February 19, 2016, the City received an acknowledgement from Department of Commerce of receipt. No comments from State agencies were received during the 60-day review period;

**WHEREAS** on March 24, 2016, the City Administrator on behalf of the City and pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21C RCW, issued a determination that the proposed plan does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment (i.e., Determination of Non-Significance) and notified the public via written notice of the 14-day comment period;

**WHEREAS** the comment period ended on April 7, 2016, no comments were received during the comment period, and no appeals of the threshold determination were filed;

**WHEREAS** the City of Waitsburg held an informational public meeting for the draft SMP on March 8, 2016;

**WHEREAS** the City of Waitsburg Planning Commission held meetings on March 8, 2016 and May 2, 2016 to review the draft SMP;

**WHEREAS** the City of Waitsburg Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the draft SMP on May 2, 2016;

**WHEREAS** notice of the public hearing was published in the Waitsburg Times prior to the hearing;

**WHEREAS** following the public hearing the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council of the City of Waitsburg approve the draft SMP; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Planning Commission, has had the opportunity to review the draft SMP and to discuss the same, and finds the proposed SMP to be in the best interest of the City of Waitsburg.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, AS FOLLOWS:**

The proposed Draft City of Waitsburg Shoreline Master Program (attached as Exhibit A) is hereby approved as the Draft City of Waitsburg's Shoreline Master Program and shall be submitted to the Department of Ecology for final approval consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 18, 2016.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Walt Gobel, Mayor

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Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Jared Hawkins  
City Attorney