

ORDINANCE NO. 421

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, EXTENDING A MORATORIUM AND INTERIM CONTROL PURSUANT TO RCW 35A.63.220 PROHIBITING THE CUTTING OF TREES IN CRITICAL AREAS AND PROHIBITING LAND CLEARING OR GRADING IN CRITICAL AREAS UNTIL JULY 3, 2006

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Growth Management Act the City is required to adopt development regulations to designate and protect critical areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline City Council enacted an emergency moratorium on the cutting of hazardous trees on January 3, 2006 with Ordinance No. 407 as amended by Ordinance No. 411; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline has four months from the original date of passage to either let the moratorium expire or enact permanent regulations; and

WHEREAS, an interim control for two additional months will allow the City to preserve planning options and prevent substantial change to critical areas while the Planning Commission and city staff engage the public and various stakeholder groups in crafting permanent development regulations, including but not limited to such alternatives as a vegetation management plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined from recent public correspondence and comment that the City's ability to protect its critical areas will suffer irreparable harm unless interim controls are placed on the cutting of trees and the modification of land surfaces within such areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEPA regulations, Washington Administrative Code Section 197-11-800, the City Council finds that the purpose of the moratorium and interim controls relates to procedures for authorizing removal of hazardous trees rather than substantive standards that modify the environment and are there for exempt from SEPA review.; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Finding of Fact. Based upon the public hearing held on the extension of Ordinance No. 407 as amended by Ordinance No. 411 for two months to July 3, 2006, the recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of the City Council.

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Section 2. Moratorium Extended. The expiration date of Sections 2 of Ordinance 407 and 3 of Ordinance 411 shall be extended to July 3, 2006.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days following passage and publication of a summary consisting of its title.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 10, 2006

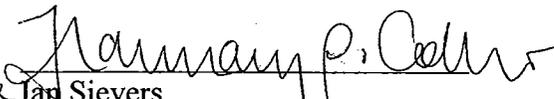


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