

CODE ADOPTION ORDINANCE No. 150

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MASON COUNTY CODE, AS COMPILED, EDITED AND PUBLISHED BY BOOK PUBLISHING COMPANY OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AS THE OFFICIAL CODE OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, Book Publishing Company of Seattle, Washington, has contracted with Mason County, Washington, to prepare the Mason County Code; and

WHEREAS, Book Publishing Company has compiled, edited and published the Mason County Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County has inspected the Mason County Code as compiled, edited and published by Book Publishing Company and is satisfied that the code is a correct and accurate codification of the general ordinances and resolutions of Mason County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County, Washington, is satisfied that any applicable provisions of the Revised Code of Washington have in all ways been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County, Washington:

Section 1. Code adopted. The Mason County Code, as compiled from the general ordinances and resolutions of Mason County, Washington, and edited and published by Book Publishing Company of Seattle, Washington, is hereby adopted as the official code of Mason County, Washington.

Section 2. Title-Citation-Reference. This code shall be known as the "Mason County Code" and it shall be sufficient to refer to said code as the "Mason County Code" in any prosecution for the violation of any provision thereof or in any proceeding at law or equity. It shall also be sufficient to designate any ordinance or resolution adding to, amending, correcting or repealing all or any part or portion thereof as an addition to, amendment to, correction of, or repeal of the "Mason County Code." Further reference may be had to the titles, chapters, sections and subsections of the "Mason County Code" and such reference shall apply to that numbered title, chapter, section or subsection as it appears in this code.

Section 3. Reference applies to amendments. Whenever a reference is made to this code as the "Mason County Code" or to any portion thereof, or to any ordinance or resolution of Mason County, the reference shall apply to all amendments, corrections and additions heretofore, now, or hereafter made.

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Section 4. Codification authority. This code consists of all the regulatory and penal ordinances and resolutions and certain of the administrative ordinances and resolutions of Mason County, Washington.

Section 5. Definitions and construction. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and phrases where used in this code shall have the meanings and constructions given in this section:

- (a) "Code" means this code, the "Mason County Code."
- (b) "Commissioners" or "Board of Commissioners" means the Mason County board of county commissioners.
- (c) "County" means the county of Mason.
- (d) "Person" means any natural person, firm, association, joint venture, joint stock company, partnership, organization, club, company, corporation, business trust, or their manager, lessee, agent, servant, officer, or employee or any of them.
- (e) "State" means the state of Washington.
- (f) "Oath" includes affirmation.
- (g) Gender. The masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter.
- (h) Number. The singular number includes the plural, and the plural the singular.
- (i) Tenses. The present tense includes the past and future tenses, and the future tense includes the present tense.
- (j) Shall, May. "Shall" is mandatory, "may" is permissive.
- (k) Title of office. The use of the title of any officer, employee, department, board or commission, means that officer, employee, department, board or commission of Mason County.

Section 6. Title, chapter and section headings. Title, chapter and section headings contained herein shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify, or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions of any title, chapter, or section hereof.

Section 7. Reference to specific ordinances or resolutions. The provisions of this code shall not in any manner affect deposits or other matters of record which refer to, or are otherwise connected with ordinances or resolutions which are therein specifically designated by number or otherwise and which are included within this code, but such reference shall be construed to apply to the corresponding provisions contained within this code.

Section 8. Effect of code on past actions and obligations. Neither the adoption of this code nor the repeal or amendment hereby of any ordinance or resolution or part or portion of any ordinance or resolution of the county shall in any manner affect the prosecution for violations of ordinances or resolutions which violations were committed prior to the effective date hereof, nor be construed as a waiver of any license, fee, or penalty at said effective date due and unpaid under such ordinances or resolutions nor be construed as affecting any of the provisions of such ordinances or resolutions relating to the collection of any such license, fee, or penalty, or the penal provisions applicable to any violation thereof, nor to affect the validity of any bond or cash deposit in lieu thereof required to be posted, filed, or deposited pursuant to any ordinance or resolution and all rights and obligations thereunder appertaining shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 9. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, portion, or part of this code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code. The board of county commissioners declares that it would have adopted this code and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses, phrases, parts, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 10. Effective date. This code shall become effective on the date the ordinance adopting this code as the "Mason County Code" shall become effective.

DATED this 16th day of February, 1971.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

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ATTEST:

Ruth E. Boyer
Auditor & Clerk of the Board.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Mason County Prosecuting Attorney.

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