

ORDINANCE NUMBER 59 - 03

AMENDMENTS TO THE MASON COUNTY RESOURCE ORDINANCE

**SEC. 17.01.100 LANDSLIDE HAZARD AREAS
REGARDING PREPARATION OF SPECIAL REPORTS**

AN ORDINANCE amending the Mason County Resource Ordinance Chapter 17.01.110 Landslide Hazard Areas, regarding the preparation of special reports in this critical area, under the authority of Chapters 36.70 and 36.70A RCW.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners last adopted these chapters and sections within the Mason County Resource Ordinance Title 17 in a public hearing on February 11, 2003;

WHEREAS, the Resource Ordinance contains Chapter 17.01.110 E Qualification of Preparer, but these standards were not current to Washington state code on geologists revised in March 2002;

WHEREAS, the Mason County Planning Commission reviewed the proposed revisions to a portion of the Resource Ordinance and formulated their recommendations after a public hearing on April 21, 2003;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing about the proposed revisions on June 10, 2003, to consider the recommendations of the Planning Advisory Commission, and the Mason County Department of Community Development and citizens' testimony on the proposed revisions to Mason County Resource Ordinance Chapter 17.01.110 E Qualification of Preparer, that addresses the responsibilities of preparing special studies in the landslide hazard areas;

WHEREAS, the Mason County Board of County Commissioners has approved findings of fact to support its decision as ATTACHMENT A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Board of Commissioners of Mason County hereby approves and ADOPTS the amendments to the Mason County Resource Ordinance Chapter 17.01.110 E Qualification of Preparer, that addresses the responsibilities of preparing special studies in the landslide hazard areas, as amended, as described by ATTACHMENT B.

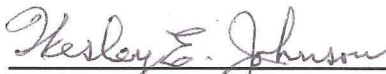
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DATED this 10th day of June, 2003.

Board of County Commissioners
Mason County, Washington



Herb Baze, Chair



Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner



Jayni L. Kamin, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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**MASON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 10, 2003**

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Under consideration is the proposed ordinance to make revisions to the Mason County Resource Ordinance Chapter 17.01.110 Landslide Hazard Areas, regarding the preparation of special reports in this critical area.
2. The Mason County Resource Ordinance Title 17, last revised in February 2003, contains Chapter 17.01.110 E Qualification of Preparer. These standards were not current to Washington state code on geologists revised in March 2002.
3. At the April 21, 2003 Mason County Planning Advisory Commission meeting, the Department of Community Development presented the proposed ordinance text that clearly addresses the responsibilities of preparing special studies in the landslide hazard areas. In their review, the Planning Advisory Commission members asked questions of staff on the proposed text changes; following their discussion, members approved a motion to recommend adoption of the new revisions in Resource Ordinance Chapter 17.01.110 E Qualification of Preparer..
6. At the June 10, 2003 Mason County Board of Commissioners public hearing, the Department of Community Development presented the proposed ordinance text, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission, that addresses the responsibilities of preparing special studies in the landslide hazard areas. The County Commissioner questions focused on how the ordinance changes would affect the permit review process and the timing of decision-making.

From the preceding findings, the Mason County Board of Commissioners adopted a motion to include the proposed revised text to the Mason County Resource Ordinance Chapter 17.01.110 Landslide Hazard Areas, regarding the preparation of special reports in this critical area, as presented by the Mason County Department of Community Development.


Chair, Mason County Board of Commissioners

Date

**AMENDMENT TO
THE MASON COUNTY RESOURCE ORDINANCE
Prepared by the Mason County DCD, Draft date 2/25/03**

17.01.100 LANDSLIDE HAZARD AREA - SUBSECTION (E)

E. GEOTECHNICAL REPORT
(Text not amended prior to section 3 below)

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3. Qualifications of Preparer

The Geologic Assessment shall be prepared at the discretion of the Director by either a licensed civil engineer with specialized knowledge of geotechnical/geological engineering or a practicing engineering licensed geologist or engineering geologist with special knowledge of the local conditions. ~~The preparer shall have at least three years of experience in landslide assessment and shall submit a statement of qualifications with the assessment or report, unless they have been previously determined to be qualified by Mason County.~~ The Geotechnical Report shall be prepared at the discretion of the Director by a licensed civil engineer with specialized knowledge of geotechnical/geological engineering or a licensed engineering geologist. ~~The Geotechnical Report may also be prepared by a practicing engineering geologist with special knowledge of the local conditions, provided the work is performed under the supervision of a licensed civil engineer who will stamp the report and attest to the competency of the engineering geologist to perform landslide evaluations in accordance with the prevailing standard of practice.~~

4. Content of the Geological Assessment
(Remaining text not amended)