

ORDINANCE NUMBER 142 -04

**A ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 116-03 AND ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE
MASON COUNTY PLANNING DIVISION'S PERMITS, ACTIONS, AND SERVICES**

WHEREAS, collection of fees for processing various land use permits, action, and services is necessary due to the fact that County revenue is insufficient to cover the costs of administrative services provided by the Department of Community Development;

WHEREAS, the fees established herein are for the purpose of providing such services and supplementing the existing revenues and budget;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on December 28, 2004 for the purpose of taking public testimony and to deliberate on the action to be taken;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the following actions:


Section 1: Section 1.10.020 of the Mason County Department Of Community Development Fee Ordinance as adopted in Ordinance #116-03 is amended by: A) the increase of the Hearing Examiner Fee for permits and appeals from \$350 to \$490, and B) the establishment of a new fee for Water System Reviews for consistency with the Mason County Comprehensive Plan of \$105.


Section 2: This ordinance shall be in full force and effective on January 1, 2005.

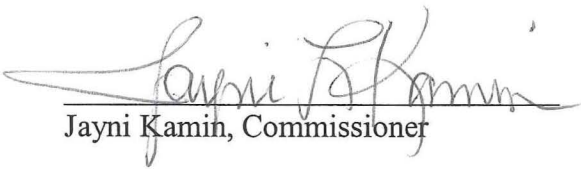
DATED this 28th day of December, 2004.

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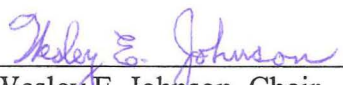
ATTEST:



Herb Baze, Commissioner


Clerk of the Board


Jayni Kamin, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM :


Wesley E. Johnson, Chair

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Prosecuting Attorney

MASON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINDINGS OF FACT
December 28,2004

1.

As currently authorized by Ordinance 116-03, the collection of fees for processing various land use permits, action, and services are set at levels estimated to adequate to cover the administrative permitting and permit related service costs of the Planning Division, although they do not cover the full county cost of providing these services.

2.

A review done for permits in 2004 shows that the current fee for hearing examiner hearings is set too low to cover the cost of the hearing examiner. The review also shows that, while water systems must apply to the county for certification that their plans are consistent with the local comprehensive plan (Municipal Water Law, Sections 5 and 8), there is currently no fee for this service by the county. A fee would cover the administrative and review costs of the county and allow the county to provide reasonable service to the water systems.

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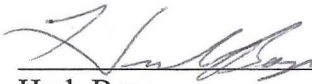
The revised fees allows the county to continue to provide other mandated or vital public services.

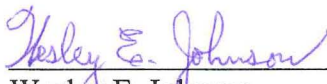
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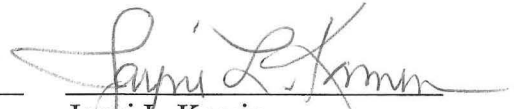
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These findings provide a basis for approval of the proposed fee changes.

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