

ORDINANCE NUMBER 92-11

**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER III (PLANNING POLICIES),  
SECTION 4 (RESOURCE LANDS) OF THE  
MASON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**ORDINANCE** amending the Planning Policies (Chapter III) of the Mason County Comprehensive Plan under the authority of RCW 36.70A.

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Growth Management Act (RCW 37.70A.130) requires each county, including Mason County, to take legislative action to review and revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations to ensure that the plan and regulations continue to comply with the requirements of the Act; and

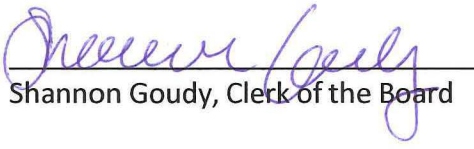
**WHEREAS**, the on October 17, 2011 the Mason County Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing about the proposed changes to the Planning Policies chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, and passed a motion to recommend approval of said changes.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED**, THE Mason County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and ADOPTS revisions to Chapter III (Planning Policies), Section 4 (Resource Lands) of the Mason County Comprehensive Plan as described by ATTACHMENT A.

**DATED** this 13 day of December 2011.

Board of Commissioners  
Mason County, Washington

ATTEST:

  
Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

  
Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

  
Steve Bloomfield, Commissioner

## ATTACHMENT A

### III-4 RESOURCE LANDS

#### *Long Commercial Forest Lands*

[new policy]

RE-105 Land that is designated as Long Term Commercial Forest may be re-designated to non-resource land, provided that the Board, in the same resolution that effects such re-designation, also designates as Long Term Commercial Forest an equivalent or greater number of acres that meets the criteria in subsections A – E, so that the overall acreage and quality of Long Term Commercial Forest land in the County is not diminished:

- A. The land to be newly designated must have an equivalent or greater Douglas Fir Site Index, as calculated using a weighted average, as the land that is re-designated.
- B. The land to be newly designated must be assessed as open space or forest land pursuant to Chapter 84.33 or 84.34 RCW.
- C. The land to be newly designated must be contiguous with an existing Long Term Commercial Forest in Mason County, or contiguous with land in an adjoining county that is similarly designated as forest resource land under the Growth Management Act, so that no area of forest resource land is created that is smaller than 5,000 contiguous acres in size.
- D. The Long Term Commercial Forest from which land is re-designated must remain at least 5,000 acres in size after the re-designation.
- E. The areas proposed for designation and re-designation must each be a minimum of 100 acres in size.

#### *In-Holding Lands*

[new subsection under Policy RE200]

RE-200

D. Once designated, In-holding lands shall remain In-holding lands even if they no longer meet the criteria in subsection A due to the re-designation of adjoining Long Term Commercial Forest lands pursuant to policy RE-105. Any subsequent re-designation from In-holding to non-resource land shall require the owner to demonstrate that the In-holding designation is no longer needed to mitigate potential incompatible land uses with the remaining, adjoining long-term commercial forest lands.