

Okanogan County
Ordinance 2003 2

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CREATION OF ORDINANCE CREATING A PROCESS TO LIFT AND WAIVE THE SIX YEAR DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM PLACED ON PROPERTIES WHICH RECEIVE CERTAIN FOREST PRACTICES PERMIT THROUGH WASHINGTON STATE

SECTION 1 FINDINGS AND RECITALS

WHEREAS the State Legislature transferred a portion of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources responsibility for administration and enforcement of forest practices regulation to local governments through the passing of Substitute Senate Bill (SSB 5714) and

WHEREAS SSB 5714 requires that when applying for a Forest Practices Permit through the Department of Natural Resources the applicant must indicate whether any land covered by the application will be converted or is intended to be converted to a use other than commercial forest production within three (3) years after completion of the forest practices and

WHEREAS if the applicant does not state that the land will be or is intended to be converted then for the six years following the filing of the application Okanogan County shall deny any and all applications for permits or approvals relating to non forestry uses of the land and

WHEREAS SSB 5714 allows for Okanogan County do develop a process for lifting and waiving the six year development moratorium and create a local review process for the conversion of forest lands to non forestry uses and

WHEREAS the Okanogan Board of County Commissioners have determined that a hardship exists on those landowners which apply for and receive a Forest Practices Permit through the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and placement of a subsequent six year development moratorium as required by RCW 76 09 060 and

WHEREAS the Okanogan Board of County Commissioners have determined that there is a need for an ordinance to lift and waive the six year development moratorium on properties which have received certain Forest Practices Permits and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE OKANOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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