

RESOLUTION TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC WELFARE BY PROTECTING PROPERTY, LIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE FLOODWAY

WHEREAS areas of Skagit County are subject to periodic inundation by floods, which result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, and public expenditures for flood protection and recovery, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS areas of special flood hazard have been identified by the Federal Insurance Administration in their report entitled "Flood Insurance Study for the Unincorporated Areas of Skagit County Washington," dated January 3, 1985, with accompanying flood insurance rate maps; and

WHEREAS within areas of special flood hazard as shown on the flood insurance rate maps are areas designated as floodways; and

WHEREAS floodways are an extremely hazardous area due to the velocity of floodwater that carries debris, potential projectiles, and erosion potential; and

WHEREAS new or expanded residences are prohibited in floodways, and other new construction or development is prohibited or severely restricted in floodways, by Skagit County Code 14.34, Skagit County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Skagit County Board of Commissioners hereby orders and directs that the public health, safety and general welfare be safeguarded, and that construction or development within the floodways of the Skagit River be prohibited or restricted to the maximum extent allowed by County, State or Federal laws, and further that continued survival of existing structures by means of periodic repairs or restoration shall not be encouraged through permits or other means.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 9 day of October, 2007

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY WASHINGTON



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Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

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