

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

In re)
) Ordinance No. TLS 22-06-43A
Adoption of Interim County Code)
Amendments to Chapter 12.50.150) Land Services
Transportation System and Frontage)
Improvements Adding a New Section (F))

WHEREAS, Douglas County has adopted a Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW Chapter 36.70A; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County and the cities/towns within the County have agreed to plan jointly within the adopted Urban Growth Areas (UGA's) consistent with the GMA and the Douglas County Regional Policy Plan; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.13.177 authorizes cities/towns to adopt land use plans for their UGA's to become effective upon annexation; and

WHEREAS, the cities/towns in Douglas County have adopted comprehensive plans with underlying zoning in their UGA's; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Regional Policy Plan C-1 states: "the cities/towns and the county will strive to coordinate long-range planning efforts, including capital facilities and utilities planning, within UGA's"; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Regional Policy Plan C-3 states: "the county and the cities/towns will collaborate on and adopt consistent regulations and development standards for areas located within the UGA's"; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County has adopted land use controls implementing the policies found in the comprehensive plan in accordance with the powers granted to counties by RCW 36.32, RCW 36.70A and other applicable laws and statutes; and

WHEREAS, to achieve consistency between Douglas County development regulations, the comprehensive plans, and underlying zoning adopted by the cities/towns for their respective UGA's, Douglas County has adopted by reference the applicable codes of the cities/towns; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Code 12.52.010 Scope states "The purpose of this chapter is to present criteria for the design of roads and streets within Douglas County, including roads that primarily serve residential neighborhoods. It is to be used by developers and their engineers in the design of public roads, and streets for which approval by the county engineer is required. Design of roads and streets within

urbanized areas surrounding an incorporated city or town for which adoption of road standards has taken place shall comply with said standards”; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Code (DCC) 12.50 establishes requirements, including exemptions and deferrals, for land development proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Cities/towns have adopted transportation requirements, including exceptions and deferral, for land development proposals, and

WHEREAS; the Douglas County Regional Planning Commission has requested the Board of County Commissioners to assign staff to prepare amendments creating an exemption for two lot short plats from frontage improvements, off-site improvements, and the dedication of right of way unless it is demonstrated the improvements are necessary to offset impacts directly caused by the development, and

WHEREAS; the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners finds the expeditious adoption of the proposed amendments benefits the public, and

WHEREAS; RCW 36.70A.390 states a county or city governing body that adopts a moratorium, interim zoning map, interim zoning ordinance, or interim official control without holding a public hearing on the proposed moratorium, interim zoning map, interim zoning ordinance, or interim official control, shall hold a public hearing on the adopted moratorium, interim zoning map, interim zoning ordinance, or interim official control within at least sixty days of its adoption, and

WHEREAS; if the governing body does not adopt findings of fact justifying its action before this hearing, then the governing body shall do so immediately after this public hearing, and

WHEREAS; the Board of County Commissioners has approved a work plan that involves docketing amendments to DCC 12.50.150 with the Douglas County Regional Planning Commission; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the amendments to DCC 12.50.150 as presented in attachment A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners hereby sets a public hearing for September 20, 2022 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners’ Chambers in Waterville, WA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners adopts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions hereby recited; and

Adopted this 23rd day of August, 2022, in regular session at the Douglas County Courthouse, Waterville, Washington.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Marc Straub, Chair




Dan Sutton, Vice Chair



Kyle Steinburg, Member




ATTEST:



Tiana Rowland, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:



Jim Mitchell, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
WSBA 31031

Ordinance TLS 22-06-43A

**Attachment A
Amendments to 12.50.150**

12.50.150 Transportation system and frontage improvements

New section

(F) Two-lot short plats will be exempt from any off-site improvements, frontage improvements, unless the County Legislative Authority has designated by resolution that the roadway on which the short plat fronts is a roadway of special interest. The resolution shall state the reasons all land division proposals shall construct or bond identified improvements prior to final approval. Right of way dedication is required for all short plats.