EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REGARDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CRITICAL AREA ORDINANCES; AMENDING ORDINANCE 3-2013

BACKGROUND

A. In December 2012, the County adopted Ordinance 26-2012 regarding general regulations for critical areas, Ordinance 27-2012 regarding critical area regulations for geologically hazardous areas and frequently flooded areas, Ordinance 28-2012 regarding critical area regulations for wetlands, and Ordinance 29-2012 regarding critical area regulations for fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.

B. On February 12, 2013, the Council adopted Ordinance 1-2013 to delay the effective date of the critical areas ordinances from March 1, 2013 to May 1, 2013 to ensure that staff had adequate time to complete a series of workshops with design professionals, planning staff, and real estate professionals, and develop tools to assist individual citizens in understanding the new regulations.

C. On April 9, 2013, the Council adopted Ordinance 3-2013 to further delay the effective date of the critical areas ordinances from May 1, 2013 to March 1, 2014.

D. The County now desires to further delay the effective date of the critical area regulations adopted in December 2012 until March 31, 2014. The purpose for the delay is to:

   • Allow Council adequate time to consider public comments and deliberate on proposed amendments to the regulations that must be adopted by March 5, 2014 to comply with a Growth Management Hearings Board decision and order.
   • Allow all of the critical area regulations to become effective on the same date.

E. An emergency ordinance is necessary for the support of the County government and its existing institutions due to the unexpected unavailability of a Council member whose presence may be required to complete adoption of the proposed amendments.

F. An emergency ordinance is also necessary to immediately change the effective date of the existing ordinances to allow the critical area ordinances and proposed amendments to those ordinances to become effective simultaneously.

G. The County conducted a duly advertised public hearing on this matter on February 25, 2013 and considered the evidence in the record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of San Juan County, state of Washington, as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance 3-2013 § 1 and Ordinance 26-2012 § 29 is amended to read as follows:

This ordinance is effective March 31, 2014.
Section 2. Ordinance 3-2013 § 2 and Ordinance 27-2012 §5 are amended to read as follows:

This ordinance is effective March 31, 2014.

Section 3. Ordinance 3-2013 § 3 and Ordinance 28-2012 § 6 are amended to read as follows:

This ordinance is effective March 31, 2014.

Section 4. Ordinance 3-2013 § 4 and Ordinance 29-2012 § 4 are amended to read as follows:

This ordinance shall take effect March 31, 2014.

Section 5. Effective Date.
This Ordinance is effective immediately.

Section 6. No Codification.
This ordinance shall not be codified.

ADOPTED this 25th day of FEBRUARY 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Rick Hughes, Chair
District 2

Bob Jarman, Vice Chair
District 1

Jamie Stephens, Member
District

ATTEST: Clerk of the Council

Ingrid Gabriel, Clerk
Date: 2/25/2014
REVIEWS BY COUNTY MANAGER

Mike Thomas
Date: 3/5/14

RANDALL K. GAYLORD
APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY

By: 
Date: 3/4/2014