

FERRY COUNTY
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN
RESOLUTION 2009-13

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RELATING TO: GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT

1.0 Purpose of Plan

Ferry County provides this Plan in response to the directive by the State Legislature that maximum public participation is to be promoted in all phases of the development of plans and ordinances related to County land use planning and development.

2.0 Scope of Plan

This Plan applies only to plans and ordinances specified by the State Legislature under the Growth Management Act, RCW 36.70A for preparation by counties and cities.

3.0 Reference State Legislative Laws

The following legislative laws applicable to Growth Management planning shall be used as the minimum guide in this Public Participation Plan, and are included by reference.

3.1 RCW 42.30.010	Legislative Declaration - Open Public Meetings Act
3.3 RCW 36.70.470	Planning Agency – Promotion of Public Interest
3.4 RCW 36.70.380	Comprehensive Plan - Public Hearing Required
3.5 RCW 36.70.390	Comprehensive Plan -- Notice of Hearing
3.6 RCW 36.70.440	Comprehensive Plan – BCC May Approve/Change Notice Requirements
3.7 RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)	SEPA Requirements For Counties & Cities.

4.0 Definitions

Public	Persons who are residents and/or land owners in Ferry County and other affected and interested individuals, Colville Confederated Tribes, government agencies, businesses, school districts, and organizations.
Studies	Investigations of issues related to land use planning and development.
Ordinance	"Ordinance" means a legislative enactment by the Ferry County Board of Commissioners.

5.0 Acronym List

BOCC	Board of County Commissioners
PC	Planning Commission
GMHB	Growth Management Hearings Board
RCW	Revised Code of Washington

Public review of and comment on all draft plans and ordinances shall be actively promoted as indicated in Sections 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0. At the beginning of the review/comment period, one or more public information meetings shall be promoted and conducted in each County Commissioner's district by the Planning Director and PC Chairman of those districts affected.

A SEPA review and analysis as specified in RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) shall be performed by the County on original plan and ordinance drafts before submittal to the public for review and before submittal to the BOCC for its final hearing on new documents or revisions.

11.0 Public Written, Oral Comments and Recommendations

Public written comments on draft plans and ordinances shall be sent or delivered to the Director of Planning and shall be date stamped on receipt or on the postmark date if mailed. The comment author may also send copies to the BOCC, and/or Chairman of the PC.

Oral comments by members of the public at meetings, or public information meetings of the PC or hearings by the BOCC shall be recorded. The speaker may identify himself or herself. Such recordings and attendance list shall be kept by the PC or BOCC for 5 years. Recordings shall also be available to the public at County Planning Department or BOCC offices. Copies of the recordings shall be available to the public upon request at the then current fee schedule.

The public may record on their own equipment at all open meetings and hearings in a manner that is not intrusive or disruptive to the meeting.

12.0 Handling of Public Written and Oral Comments

The Planning Director shall provide copies of all original public comment letters. Tape recordings of all oral public comments shall be available to the PC and BOCC for review. Copies of these documents and recordings shall also be made available to members of the public upon request at the then current fee schedule.

13.0 County Response to Written and Oral Public Comments

The PC may review copies of all original written and oral (recorded) public comments taken at study meetings, PC meetings and hearings of the PC and BOCC. The PC shall maintain recordings for 5 years, by comment author's identification, of the PC's response indicating those comments that were considered for inclusion. The record shall be available to the public for review at the County Planning Department office. Copies of record will be available to the public upon request at the then current fee schedule.

14.0 Incorporation of Public Comments in Reports, Plans and Ordinances.

The Planning Department shall keep a list or docket of suggested amendments and shall make the docket available for public review at the Planning Department office during office hours.

At least once per year the Planning Department shall ensure that the docket of suggested amendments is reviewed by the Planning Commission and that a recommendation is made as to whether each suggestion is, or is not, appropriate to be included as a proposed amendment to the relevant plan or development regulation.

18.0 Emergency Legislation by the Board of County Commissioners

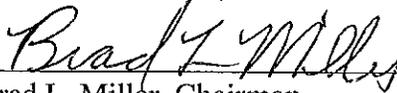
Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to limit the BOCC authority to enact emergency ordinances to remedy a true emergency condition(s) effecting public health and safety. Such emergency legislation shall not require compliance with the terms of this Plan; HOWEVER, such emergency legislation shall expire within 180 days unless extended by the BOCC for up to an additional 180 days. Thereafter, the emergency legislation shall be void and any replacement shall be enacted in accordance with this Plan.

19.0 Severability

If any provision of this Plan and its application is held to be invalid by legal decree, the remainder of this Plan and its application is not affected.

APPROVED this 16th day of March, 2009.

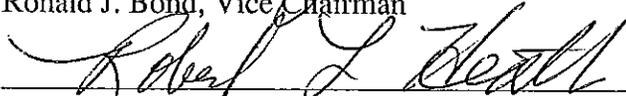
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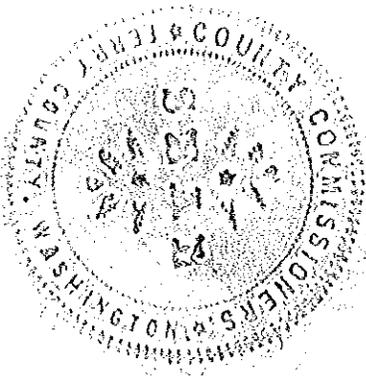
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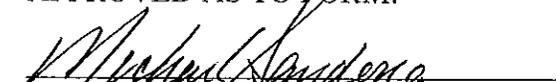
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