

RESOLUTION NO. 135-93

IN THE MATTER OF:

A MORATORIUM ON FILING AND PROCESSING OF BUILDING, GRADING, AND HAZARDOUS WASTE SITING PERMITS FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE, TREATMENT, TRANSFER, SHIPPING, TRANSPORTATION AND/OR HANDLING FACILITIES IN UNINCORPORATED MASON COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Washington has declared that safe and responsible management of hazardous waste is necessary to prevent adverse effects on the environment and to protect public health and safety (Chapter 70.105 RCW)

WHEREAS, Mason County concurs with the Legislature of the State of Washington that responsible planned management of hazardous waste is necessary to prevent adverse effects on the environment and to protect the public health and safety.

WHEREAS, on January 28, 1992 the Board of Mason County Commissioners adopted ordinance 11-92 relating to the siting of hazardous waste treatment and storage facilities pursuant to Chapter 70.105 RCW and 173-303 WAC.

WHEREAS, Mason County has recognized through additional planning efforts enabled by RCW 36.70 that additional consideration must be given to ordinance 11-92 in order to prevent effects to the environment and to adequately protect public health and safety.

WHEREAS, revisions will be made through a planning process which addresses the concerns of the community in an attempt to define a more specific regulations in the siting of hazardous waste facilities.

WHEREAS, applications submitted for hazardous waste treatment, storage, shipping, transportation, and handling facilities projects during the interim period could vest under the regulations in effect at the time the application is made.

WHEREAS, the intended effect of possible amendments could be foreclosed or thwarted by applications vesting during the interim period.

WHEREAS, this Board determines that the above facts necessitate additional time for planning, supporting the adoption of a moratorium.


NOW, THEREFORE, a moratorium is ordered, and ordained on the acceptance for filing of the processing of applications for hazardous waste treatment, storage, transfer, shipping, transportation, and handling facilities projects. For the duration of the moratorium or during the review period on this moratorium, Mason County shall not accept for filing or and shall not process any application for such facilities. This moratorium shall not be considered a ban on such facilities.

Definition of such facilities shall include those facilities defined in 173-303 WAC as well as any other facility which stores or transfers hazardous waste for any time period.

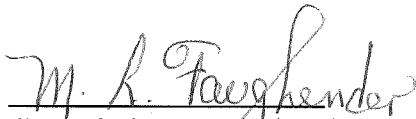
This moratorium shall expire upon the completion of final action by the Board of Commissioners on changes to Ordinance 11-92. If final action is not completed by June 21, 1994, the Board of County Commissioners will review the need to continue this moratorium.

DATED this 21st day of December, 1993

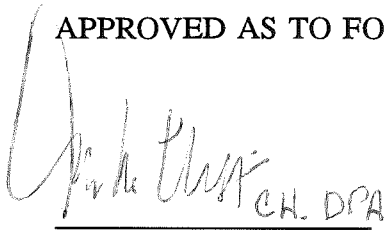
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