

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ENDORSING THE NEWLY PROPOSED COVINGTON SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE AND THE ACCOMPANYING GOALS AND POLICIES; ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNATIONS, REGULATIONS; RESTORATION PLAN; AND CUMULATIVE IMPACTS ANALYSIS; AND FORWARDING SUCH DOCUMENTS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR THEIR REVIEW.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58), adopted in 1972, recognizes that “shorelines are among the most valuable and fragile” resources of the state, and that to protect the public interest in preserving these shorelines, the State and local governments must establish a coordinated planning program to address the types and effects of development occurring along the state’s shorelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the broad policies of the Shoreline Management Act are to encourage water-dependent uses, protect shoreline natural areas, and promote public access; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shoreline Management Act requires all local governments, including the City of Covington, to 1) develop an inventory of the natural characteristics and land use patterns along shorelines covered by the Act; 2) prepare a “Master Program” to determine the future of the shorelines; 3) develop a permit system to further the goals and policies of both the Act and the local Master Plan; and 4) develop a Restoration Plan for restoration of impaired shoreline ecological functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shoreline Management Act requires local governments to update their Shoreline Master Programs and regulations by December 31, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Covington obtained a grant from the Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) in 2007 to conduct a comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update; and

**WHEREAS**, the City formed an Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committee, including stakeholders and property owners along Soos Creek, Jenkins Creek, and Pipe Lake, members of the Covington Planning Commission and the Covington Economic Development Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and both the Soos Creek Water & Sewer District and the Covington Water District, and other interested individuals who reviewed and commented on the development of the SMP and proposed regulations at 6 public meetings over a 14 month time frame and recommended their endorsement to the Covington Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Covington Shoreline Master Program addresses the key requirement in the 2003 DOE guidelines of providing for “no net loss of ecological function” and consistency with the State Shoreline Management Act, and the City Council feels the proposed Covington SMP meets that standard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Covington Planning Commission held two public meetings on April 2, 2009, and April 16, 2009, to discuss the contents of the SMP Update, and one formal public hearing on May 7, 2009, where 26 individual stakeholders attended and 8 individuals provided public comment and testimony; and

**WHEREAS**, the Covington Planning Commission considered all written and verbal testimony provided and held an additional public meeting on May 21, 2009, and made certain modifications to the proposed SMP Update and proposed shoreline regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Covington Planning Commission recommended unanimously by a vote of 6-0, that the Covington City Council endorse the proposed SMP Update, the proposed shoreline regulations, the proposed Restoration Plan, and the proposed Cumulative Impacts Analysis; and

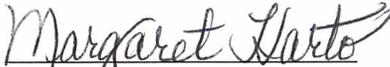
**WHEREAS**, the Covington City Council held a public hearing on June 23, 2009, and considered the public testimony provided;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council formally endorses the proposed City of Covington Draft Shoreline Master Program; Draft Goals and Policies; Draft Environmental Designations; Draft Shoreline Regulations and Permit Process; Draft Restoration Plan; and Draft Cumulative Impacts Analysis; and

**Section 2.** The City Council directs the City Manager to forward the above SMP documents and accompanying reports, as well as the City’s public participation plan to the Washington State Department of Ecology for their review and comment.

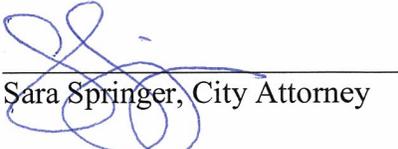
Passed in open and regular session this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

  
Mayor Margaret Harto

Attested:

  
Sharon Scott, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Sara Springer, City Attorney