

**Board of Commissioners
County of Stevens
State of Washington**

**Ordinance No. 01-2010
Stevens County Development Regulations, Title 13
Interim zoning control**

- WHEREAS,** Stevens County opted in to the Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW 36.70A on September 28, 1993 pursuant to Resolution 112-1993; and
- WHEREAS,** RCW 36.70A.040 directs counties to adopt a Comprehensive Land Use Plan and related development regulations; and
- WHEREAS,** Stevens County adopted Stevens County Code, Title 13, by Resolution 32-2003 on March 4, 2003 and Resolution 80-2004 on July 6, 2004; and
- WHEREAS,** The Stevens County Comprehensive Land Use Plan was adopted on July 11, 2006 pursuant to Resolution 59-2006; and
- WHEREAS,** Stevens County adopted Ordinance 08-2009 on October 20th, 2009 which amends Stevens County Code, Title 13 to resolve a GMA compliance issue identified by the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (EWGMHB) in Case 05-1-0006; and
- WHEREAS,** The EWGMHB issued an order in Case 05-1-0006 on December 24, 2009 finding Ordinance 08-2009 non-compliant with the GMA; and
- WHEREAS,** Stevens County filed a petition for review of the Hearings Board order in Superior Court; and
- WHEREAS,** The Hearings Board order in 05-1-0006 requires the County to take compliance action before the Superior Court can rule on the County's petition for review; and
- WHEREAS,** The County wishes to avoid expending limited public resources making (and later repealing) amendments to Title 13 that the County believes are not required by the GMA; and
- WHEREAS,** RCW 36.70.795 authorizes the County to adopt an interim zoning ordinance and interim official control; and
- WHEREAS,** An interim ordinance adopted pursuant to RCW 36.70.795 is necessary to maintain compliance with the Hearings Board order while the County exercises its right to appeal the EWGMHB decision in case no. 05-1-0006; and
- WHEREAS,** The County does not believe this interim regulation is required by the Growth Management Act but is putting it in place to gain compliance with the EWGMHB in Case 05-1-0006 while appealing their decision; and

