

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A Resolution adopting the *Thurston County On-site Sewage System Management Plan*.

WHEREAS, the Board of Health makes the following findings of fact:

1. The Washington State Board of Health, in WAC 246-272A-0015, requires the Thurston County health officer to develop a management plan for the development and management of on-site sewage systems (OSS) within Thurston County; and

2. The 2006 Washington State Legislature passed 3SHB1458, adopting ch. 70.118A RCW, that requires the Thurston County health officer to take actions to reduce impacts of on-site sewage disposal systems on the marine waters of Puget Sound. These actions include designating Marine Recovery Areas where on-site sewage systems are a significant factor contributing to the degradation of shellfish growing areas, low dissolved oxygen levels, fecal coliform pollution, or excessive nitrate contamination within Puget Sound; and

3. State regulations require areas where OSS pose a greater public health risk to be identified, and monitoring and maintenance requirements in these areas to be established that are commensurate with the public health risks posed by the OSS; and

4. Proper inventory, evaluation and management of on-site sewage systems is important to protect public health and water resources within Thurston County; and

5. An advisory committee comprised of representatives from various government entities in Thurston County, the building industry, sewage system professionals and shellfish and environmental groups met numerous times in 2006 and 2007 to assist Environmental Health Division staff with the development of the *Thurston County On-site Sewage System Management Plan*; and

6. The *Thurston County On-site Sewage System Management Plan* recommended for adoption by the advisory committee and Environmental Health staff offers a strategy for managing on-site sewage systems in Thurston County and fulfills the obligations of WAC 246-272A-0015 and ch. 70.118A RCW; and

7. The Board of Health held a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Health of Thurston County, State of Washington, hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The *Thurston County On-site Sewage System Management Plan* attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference is hereby adopted.

Section 2. This plan will be implemented as county staff and financial resources allow. Limited resources are available through June 30, 2009 that allow partial implementation of the plan. Full implementation of the plan will require additional time and resources.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, in whole or in part, for any reason, the remainder of this Resolution or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

ADOPTED: _____.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington

Clerk of the Board

Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

EDWARD G. HOLM
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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Jane Futterman
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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