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TRANSMITTAL MEMO

REPORT DATE: June 28, 2018

TO: San Juan County Council
San Juan County Planning Commission

CC: Mike Thomas, County Manager
Erika Shook, AICP, Director of Community Development
Jon Cain, San Juan County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

FROM: Adam Zack, Planner II *AZ*
Linda Kuller, AICP, Planning Manager *LK*

SUBJECT: Regarding joint County Council and Planning Commission briefing and public hearing on sign code amendment regarding political signs

JOINT HEARING: July 20, 2018

ATTACHMENTS: **Attachment A** – Draft Ordinance Regarding Political Signs
Attachment B – SJC Superior Court Order date stamped May 21, 2018
Attachment C – SJC Superior Court Order Granting Preliminary Injunction
Attachment D – Ordinance 14-2018 Adopting Interim Official Controls
Attachment E – SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance, dated July 3, 2018
Attachment F – SEPA Checklist, dated July 3, 2018
Attachment G – Notice of Proposed Amendment, Request for Expedited Review
Attachment H – Legal Notices, published July 4, 2018
Attachment I – Department of Commerce Acknowledgement Letter, material id #25060

Purpose: A briefing and public hearing on the attached draft Ordinance Regarding Political Signs, Amending SJCC 18.40.400, and Ordinance 2-1999 (Attachment A).

Background: A lawsuit filed in May 2018 highlighted the fact that over the past 25 years, the status of the Constitutional law regarding political and other signs has been clarified in a way that requires an amendment to the County Code. Although political signs are exempt from County sign regulations, the exemption is conditional. Specifically, San Juan County Code (SJCC) 18.40.400(C) indicates that political signs are exempt from the County's general sign regulations and shall be permitted outright:

provided, that they shall not be erected more than 45 days prior to an election and shall be removed by the candidate of land owner no more than 72 hours following an election terminating candidacy. Political signs shall not exceed six square feet in area.

The San Juan County Superior Court held that the time limits above are likely contrary to law and entered an order preventing the County from enforcing them. The Prosecuting Attorney's (PA) office agrees with the Court's decision, as shown in a memorandum to County Council dated June 5, 2018. Furthermore, in the PA's view, the size limitation applicable to political signs could also potentially be found unconstitutional based on a 2012 United States Supreme Court ruling in the case *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*. In *Reed*, the court found certain local sign regulations to be unconstitutional; key to the court's decision was that the regulations were not "content neutral" because they imposed different regulations depending on the content of the signage.

Procedures: State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and Department of Commerce Review

- SEPA checklist completed June 27, 2018 (Attachment F)
- SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance published July 3, 2018 (Attachment E)
- SEPA comment period July 4 through July 19, 2018
- Department of Commerce Notice of Proposed Amendment, Request for Expedited Review, acknowledged on June 27, 2018 (Attachment I)

SJCC 18.90.020 Legislative Procedures

- June 28, 2018, DCD evaluated the request to modify County Code and forwarded a recommendation to the Planning Commission and County Council (SJCC 18.90.020 (B))
- July 4, 2018, public notice was published in *The San Juan Islander* and *The Journal of the San Juan Islands* per SJCC 18.90.020(E) (Attachment H)
- July 20, 2018, the Planning Commission and County Council will hold a joint public hearing on the proposed amendment (SJCC 18.90.020(C))
- July 20, 2018, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to County Council (SJCC 18.90.020(C))

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission and County Council adopt the draft Ordinance Regarding Political Signs, Amending SJCC 18.40.400, and Ordinance 2-1999, as shown in Attachment A with amendments to reflect procedural background.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ - 2018

**ORDINANCE REGARDING POLITICAL SIGNS; AMENDING SJCC 18.40.400 AND
ORDINANCE 2-1998**

WHEREAS, Section 18.40.400(C) of the Development Code of San Juan County includes provisions allowing outright the use of property to erect temporary signs with political content, provided that the temporary nature of such signs be defined by reference to the number of days before the election; and

WHEREAS; such regulations have served the community well by protecting the aesthetics of the country side and scenic highways of the county, especially during the time in which the people welcome many visitors; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Prosecuting Attorney advised that the time limits of section 18.40.400(C) are not enforceable and will not be enforced, and since that time the regulation has been treated as a guideline; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2018 and June 1, 2018, the Superior Court for San Juan County entered Orders temporarily preventing the enforcement of “the temporal aspect of SJCC 18.40.400(C)”;

and

WHEREAS; on June 12, 2018, the County Council adopted Ordinance 14-2018, which established interim controls regarding political signs which shall expire December 12, 2018 if not otherwise renewed or made permanent; and

WHEREAS, the County Council desires to repeal the interim controls of Ordinance 14-2018 and replace the interim controls with permanent regulations regarding political signs; and

WHEREAS, the County Council wishes to consider in the future ways in which it may protect the aesthetics of the roadsides and beauty of the islands while protecting the free speech of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the County conducted a duly advertised public hearing and has received public testimony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of San Juan County, state of Washington, as follows:

Section 1. SJCC 18.40.400 and Ordinance 2-1998 Exh. B § 4.29.4 are each amended to read as follows:

18.40.400 Exempt signs.

1 The following signs are exempt from the regulations contained in SJCC 18.40.370 through
2 ~~18.40.400~~ 18.40.390:

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4 A. Signs required by law and flags of national and state governments.

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6 B. "No Hunting" and "No Trespassing" signs, all of which must be smaller than two square feet.

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8 C. ~~Political signs shall be permitted outright; provided, that they shall not be erected more than~~
9 ~~45 days prior to an election and shall be removed by the candidate or landowner no more than 72~~
10 ~~hours following an election terminating candidacy. Political signs shall not exceed six square feet~~
11 ~~in area.~~

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13 D. Special event signs for periods not to exceed 30 days, after which they must be removed, and
14 not for more than one 30-day period in any calendar year.

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16 E. Public notice signs.

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18 F. Traffic signs and traffic control devices and signals.

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20 G. Temporary decorations that are customary for the holidays and located on private property.

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22 H. One temporary construction sign no larger than four feet by eight feet in size for a period not
23 to exceed 12 consecutive months, after which it must be removed.

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25 I. House numbers.

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27 Section 2. Repealer
28 Ordinance 14-2018 is repealed.

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30 Section 3. Effective Date
31 This ordinance is effective on the 10th working day after adoption.

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33 Section 4. Codification
34 Section 1 of this ordinance shall be codified.

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ATTACHMENT A

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ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2018.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Council

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ingrid Gabriel, Clerk Date

Bill Watson, Chair
District 1

REVIEWED BY COUNTY MANAGER

Michael J. Thomas Date

Jamie Stephens, Vice-Chair
District 3

RANDALL K. GAYLORD
APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY

By: _____
Date

Rick Hughes, Member
District 2

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LISA A. HENDERSON
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN JUAN

NICHOLAS POWER,

Plaintiff,

v.

SAN JUAN COUNTY (a municipal
subdivision of the State of Washington),

Defendant.

No. **18 2 0507528**

Temporary Restraining
ORDER
and order to show cause
(Proposed)

This matter came before the Court on Plaintiff Nicholas Power's Motion for temporary restraining order preventing the enforcement of the temporal aspect of SJCC 18.40.400(c). After review of the pleadings filed in this matter and being fully apprised of the facts and the law, this

Court finds as follows.

- 1. ~~On its face, the temporal aspect of SJCC 18.40.400(c) is likely unconstitutional and~~

Plaintiff has demonstrated that he is likely to ultimately succeed on the merits.

However, the Court will consider any and all legal argument provided at the preliminary injunction hearing.

- 1. Notice was provided to San Juan County, by and through its Prosecuting Attorney, and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jan Cain appeared on behalf of San Juan County.
- 2. The issue of the San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney's conflict of interest was not yet sufficiently raised for consideration

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the time constraints for today's hearing

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- 2. It appears from the specific facts in Nicholas Power's Declaration that immediate and irreparable injury will result to Plaintiff if this Court delays entering an order and no adequate remedy at law exists, *including based on the reasoning of Klein v. City of San Clemente, 584 F.3d 1196, 1207-08 (2009).*
- 3. Plaintiff has served all pleadings and attempted to contact San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney advising him of the matter at issue and the time of the hearing.

WHEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, Defendant its agents and all parties aware of this order are enjoined from enforcing the temporal aspect of SJCC 18.40.400(c) ~~and shall further be restrained from publishing, stating, advising or implying that the time limits of SJCC 18.40.400(c) are legally effective until further order of this Court.~~

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that *Defendant shall show cause why these restraints should not continue,* this matter will be set for hearing and argument on the matter of a permanent injunction ~~and the issue of fees and costs~~ on 1st day of June, 2018. @ 3:00 p.m.

It is further ordered that plaintiff shall post security of \$1,000 cash or bond with the San Juan County Clerk.

ENTERED this 21st of May 2018, in Friday Harbor, WA.

[Signature]
Hon. *Kathryn C. Loring*

Presented by:

[Signature]
Nicholas Power, WSBA #45974

Approved as to form:

[Signature]

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ATTACHMENT C

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CLERK'S ACTION REQUIRED
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR SAN JUAN COUNTY

NICHOLAS POWER,

Plaintiff,

v.

SAN JUAN COUNTY (a municipal
subdivision of the State of Washington); and,
MILENE HENLEY, San Juan County Auditor
in her personal capacity; and JOHN and JANE
DOES, 1-99, Unknown San Juan County
officials, employees and agents, in their
personal capacity,

Defendant.

No. 18-2-0507528

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS
OF LAW, AND ORDER GRANTING
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

CLERK'S ACTION REQUIRED

I. INTRODUCTION

This matter came on for hearing on June 1, 2018 for a show cause hearing regarding whether the restraints in a Temporary Restraining Order entered on May 21, 2018 should continue and whether an injunction should issue in this matter. Defendant San Juan County appeared through Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan W. Cain; Plaintiff Nicholas Power appeared pro se. The Court considered the evidence and testimony offered together with the pleadings filed in the action and the oral argument of the parties. Based on the arguments and the evidence presented, the Court finds:

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

A. It appears from the specific facts in Nicholas Power's Declaration and the reasoning

1 of *Klein v. City of San Clemente*, 584 F.3d 1196, 1207-108 (2009), that immediate and irreparable
2 injury will result to Plaintiff if the temporal clause in SJCC 18.40.400(c) is enforced by Defendant
3 San Juan County and that no adequate remedy at law exists.

4 B. Plaintiff has demonstrated a substantial likelihood of success on the merits of his
5 claim that the temporal clause in SJCC 18.40.400(c) is contrary to law, and therefore has
6 established a clear legal or equitable right. *kel*

7 Based on the above findings, the Court makes the following Conclusions of Law:

8 III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9 A. Defendant San Juan County should be enjoined from enforcing the temporal aspect
10 of SJCC 18.40.400(c).

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15 IV. ORDER

16 Based on the Findings and Conclusions set forth above, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED,
17 AND DECREED:

18 A. Defendant San Juan County and its agents are enjoined from enforcing the temporal
19 aspect of SJCC 18.40.400(c).
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21 B. This order shall be effective until DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS PROCEEDING *kel*

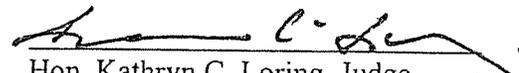
22 C. Decision on the remaining issues in this matter is reserved, *except as*
23 *otherwise provided below.* *kel*

ON A ^{Further} TEMPORARY RESTRAINING

D. A review hearing on this order is scheduled for JUNE 6, 2018 AT 3:00 PM WITH BRIEFING FROM PLAINTIFF [^] DUE ~~AT~~ JUNE 4, 2018 AT 2:00 PM AND BRIEFING FROM DEFENDANT DUE JUNE 6, 2018 AT 10:00 AM.

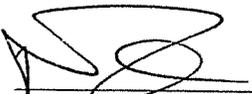
E. THE PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD IS GRANTED AND THE MATERIALS ATTACHED TO EXHIBIT A OF THE MOTION ARE ADDED TO THE RECORD.

F. THE ^{CASH OR} BOND AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR SECURITY IS REDUCED TO ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and the Clerk is hereby instructed to release to Plaintiff \$999.00.
DONE IN OPEN COURT this 1st day of June, 2018.


Hon. Kathryn C. Loring, Judge

Presented by:
RANDALL K. GAYLORD
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

By: 
Jonathan W. Cain, WSBA #37979
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Attorney for Defendant San Juan County

Approved as to form:

Nicholas Power, Plaintiff, pro se

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ORDINANCE NO. 14 - 2018

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING INTERIM OFFICIAL CONTROLS
REGARDING POLITICAL SIGNS**

WHEREAS, Section 18.40.400(C) of the Development Code of San Juan County includes provisions allowing outright the use of property to erect temporary signs with political content, provided that the temporary nature of such signs be defined by reference to the number of days before and after the election; and

WHEREAS, although aesthetics are an important consideration of land use regulations, the Prosecuting Attorney advised previously and recently informed the Superior Court that the time limits of section 18.40.400(C) are not enforceable and will not be enforced; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2018 and June 1, 2018, the Superior Court for San Juan County entered Orders temporarily preventing the enforcement of “the temporal aspect of SJCC 18.40.400(C)”;

WHEREAS, the County Council wishes address the court order and rulings from the United States Supreme Court including *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* (2012) in protecting the free speech of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of San Juan County, state of Washington, as follows:

Section 1. SJCC 18.40.400 and Ordinance 2-1998 Exh. B § 4.29.4 are each amended to read as follows:

18.40.400 Exempt signs.

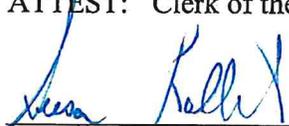
The following signs are exempt from the regulations contained in SJCC 18.40.370 through ~~18.40.400~~ 18.40.390:

- A. Signs required by law and flags of national and state governments.
- B. “No Hunting” and “No Trespassing” signs, all of which must be smaller than two square feet.
- C. ~~Political signs shall be permitted outright; provided, that they shall not be erected more than 45 days prior to an election and shall be removed by the candidate or landowner no more than 72 hours following an election terminating candidacy. Political signs shall not exceed six square feet in area.~~
- D. Special event signs for periods not to exceed 30 days, after which they must be removed, and not for more than one 30-day period in any calendar year.

ATTACHMENT D

ADOPTED this 12th day of June 2018.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Council



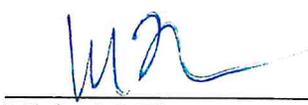
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SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

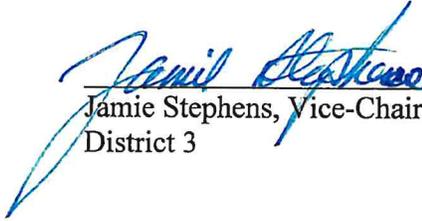


Bill Watson, Chair
District 1

REVIEWED BY COUNTY MANAGER



Michael J. Thomas Date 6/12/18



Jamie Stephens, Vice-Chair
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Date 6/12/18



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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Proposal: A nonproject proposal addressing draft amendment to San Juan County Code (SJCC) 18.40.400 Exempt Signs, subsection C related to political signs. The proposal will remove conditions from the sign code exemption for political signs, amending SJCC 18.40.400(C) as follows:

The following signs are exempt from the regulations contained in SJCC 18.40.370 through 18.40.400-18.40.390

C. Political signs shall be permitted outright; provided, that they shall not be erected more than 45 days prior to an election and shall be removed by the candidate or landowner no more than 72 hours following an election terminating candidacy. Political signs shall not exceed six square feet in area.

The purpose of removing the conditions from the political sign code exemption is to bring San Juan County Development Code into accord with the County's policy not to enforce the conditions of SJCC 18.40.400(C). San Juan County Superior Court issued an order on May 21, 2018 regarding Case Number 18-2-0507528. The Court held that the conditions of the political sign exemption in SJCC 18.40.400(C) are likely contrary to law and entered an order preventing the County from enforcing them. The County Council temporarily addressed this problem with Ordinance 14-2018 An Ordinance Adopting Interim Official Controls Regarding Political Signs, effective June 12 through December 12, 2018. The proposed changes to the County Code will permanently address this problem by replacing ordinance 14-2018.

Applicant: San Juan County Department of Community Development

San Juan County, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required. Under WAC 197-11-340(2), a Determination of Nonsignificance was issued on July 3, 2018. The determination was made after a review of a completed environmental checklist.

Copies of the proposed changes to the San Juan County Code, SEPA checklist, SEPA Determination & associated documents are available on the County website at <https://www.sanjuanco.com/1460/Political-Sign-Code-Amendment>. They may be viewed during business hours at the Department of Community Development, 135 Rhone Street, in Friday Harbor. For more information, please contact Adam Zack at the DCD office or (360) 370-7580.

Comments on this determination must be submitted by July 19, 2018, to Adam Zack, Planner II, San Juan County DCD, PO Box 947, Friday Harbor, WA, 98250 or adamz@sanjuanco.com. Email subject line: Comments on SEPA Sign Code Amendment. For more information, please contact Adam Zack at the DCD office or (360) 370-7580.

Following a final decision this determination may be appealed with the underlying action to Superior Court or State Boards as provided in RCW 36.70A, RCW 90.58, and RCW 36.70C. For appeals to Superior Court the appeal period is 21 days and for appeals to the Growth Management Hearing's Board the appeal period is 60 days.

Responsible Official:

Erika Shook, AICP, Director 
Department of Community Development
(360) 378-2354

Date: July 3, 2018

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

PCODES-18-0002

*Amendment of San Juan County Code (SJCC) 18.40.400 Exempt Signs, subsection C.
related to political signs*

2. Name of applicant:

San Juan County, Washington

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

*Adam Zack, Planner II
San Juan County Department of Community Development (DCD)
PO Box 947
Friday Harbor WA 98250
(360) 370-7580*

4. Date checklist prepared:

June 21, 2018

5. Agency requesting checklist:

San Juan County Department of Community Development

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

- *June 12, 2018, County Council adopted Ordinance No. 14-2018 Ordinance Adopting Interim Official Controls Regarding Political Signs and referred the matter to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation*
- *July 3, 2018, SEPA determination published and Request for Expedited Review sent to Washington State Department of Commerce*

Tentative Schedule

- *July 20, 2018, Joint Planning Commission and County Council Public Hearing*
- *July 2018, County Council adopts amended sign code by ordinance*

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

The County may revise all of its sign regulations at a later date. San Juan County Council adopted Ordinance No. 14-2018 on June 12, 2018. This ordinance temporarily removes conditions from the political sign exemption in San Juan County Code 18.40.400(C). Ordinance No. 14-2018 will expire on December 12, 2018 if not otherwise renewed or made permanent after a public hearing.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

No other environmental information has been or will be prepared in direct relation to this proposal.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

This is a non-project action that will make County Code consistent with existing County policy on political signs. No other approvals related to it are pending.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

After receiving a Planning Commission recommendation, approval of amendments to the County's Unified Development Code (UDC) is required from the County Council.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The nonproject action proposal is to amend the development code at San Juan County Code 18.40.400 Exempt signs, subsection (C) and Ordinance 2-1998 as follows:

The following signs are exempt from the regulations contained in SJCC 18.40.370 through ~~18.40.400~~ 18.40.390

~~C. Political signs shall be permitted outright; provided, that they shall not be erected more than 45 days prior to an election and shall be removed by the candidate or landowner no more than 72 hours following an election terminating candidacy. Political signs shall not exceed six square feet in area.~~

The result of the amendments to San Juan County Code and Ordinance 2-1998 is that political signs will be exempt from the sign code regulations without conditions.

This change is needed in order to comply with San Juan County Superior Court Judge Katie Loring's order dated Monday, May 21, 2018 re: Case No. 18-2-0507528. The Court held that the conditions of the political sign exemption in SJCC 18.40.400(C) are likely contrary to law and entered an order preventing the County from enforcing them. Existing County policy is to not enforce the time limits on political signs. County Code will be made consistent with County policy and the Court order by amending SJCC 18.40.400(C) as proposed above.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

San Juan County, Washington.

B. Environmental Elements [HELP]1. **Earth** [help]

a. General description of the site:

The County is an archipelago containing a wide variety of terrain including steep slopes, flat land and wetlands.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

There are various slopes in the County.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

There is no particular site or soil associated with this nonproject action.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

- a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

The County has seasonal streams, wetlands, lakes and marine embayments. The County is completely surrounded by marine waters.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- ____deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- ____evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- ____shrubs
- ____grass
- ____pasture
- ____crop or grain
- ____ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- ____ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- ____water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- ____other types of vegetation

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

5. Animals [\[help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

- birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

This is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

6. Energy and Natural Resources [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

This project would not affect the potential use of solare energy.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

None.

7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

No.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

None.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

None.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

None.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

Not applicable.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The amended sign code will be consistent with other County development code regulations, as reviewed by the County's prosecuting attorney.

- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

Not applicable.

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

None.

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

None.

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

None.

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

None.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

None.

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

None.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

None.

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

None.

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

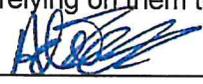
c. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

This question is not applicable to a nonproject action.

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____



Name of signee:

Adam Zack

Position and Agency/Organization:

Planner II,

San Juan County Department of Community Development

Date Submitted:

July 3, 2018

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

This proposal will not increase discharge to water; emmissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise. The proposal will increase the amount of time that political signs are allowed to be posted.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

None

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The likely affects to plants, animals, fish, or marine life would be minimal. Political signs have been allowed under the current regulations since adoption in 1998 and are usually posted in existing development areas.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

None

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposal will not deplete energy or natural resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

None.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The proposal will not affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for governmental protection. Vegetation removal associated with posting signs is not permitted in critical areas per San Juan County Code Chapter 18.35.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

None.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposal will not affect land and shoreline use, which includes allowing or encouraging land shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans. Land and shoreline use would remain subject to the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan, Shoreline Master Program, and Unified Development Code. Increasing the duration of time that political signs are allowed to be posted would not alter allowed uses because political signs are already allowed.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

None.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The proposal will not increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities. Demand for these services isn't affected by posting of political signs.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

None.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The proposal is not likely to conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements to the protection of the environment.



Department of Commerce

Notice of Proposed Amendment Request for Expedited Review

Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106(3)(b), the following jurisdiction provides notice of a proposed development regulation amendment and requests expedited state agency review under the Growth Management Act.

The expedited review period is 10 business days (14 calendar days).

Proposed amendments to Comprehensive Plans are not eligible for expedited review.

If needed, you may expand this form and the fields below, but please try to keep the entire form under two pages in length.

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| Jurisdiction: | San Juan County Washington |
| Mailing Address: | PO Box 947 Friday Harbor WA 98250 |
| Date: | June 27, 2018 |

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| Contact Name: | Adam Zack  |
| Title/Position: | Planner II |
| Phone Number: | (360) 370-7580 |
| E-mail Address: | adamz@sanjuanco.com |

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| Brief Description of the Proposed/Draft Development Regulations Amendment: <i>(40 words or less)</i> | Proposed Ordinance Regarding Political Signs Amending San Juan County Code Section 18.40.400 and Ordinance 2-1998. On May 21, San Juan County Superior Court held that the conditions of SJCC 18.40.400(C) are likely contrary to law. County Council temporarily addressed this problem in Ordinance 14-2018 Adopting Interim Official Controls Regarding Political Signs. |
| Is this action part of the scheduled review and update? <i>GMA requires review every 8 years under RCW 36.70A.130(4)-(6).</i> | Yes: ___ No: <u> X </u> |
| Joint Public Hearing Date: | Planning Board/Commission: July 20, 2018 Council/County Commission: July 20, 2018 |
| Proposed Adoption Date: | July 20, 2018 |

REQUIRED: Attach or include a copy the proposed amendment text or document(s).
We do not accept a website hyperlink requiring us to retrieve external documents. Jurisdictions must submit the actual document(s) to Commerce. If you experience difficulty, please contact reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

To: The Journal of the San Juan Islands and Islands Sounder
From: Ingrid Gabriel, Clerk of the San Juan County Council
Bill To: Department of Community Development
Publish: 1 Time – Wednesday, July 4, 2018

NOTICE OF A SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AND JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO HEAR TESTIMONY ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING POLITICAL SIGNS AMENDING SAN JUAN COUNTY CODE SECTION 18.40.400 AND ORDINANCE 2-1998

The San Juan County Council will hold a special meeting and joint public hearing with the Planning Commission for the purpose of receiving testimony on the proposed amendments to San Juan County Code (SJCC) 18.40.400 related to political signs. The proposed ordinance would exempt political signs from the sign regulations in the County Code.

The hearing will begin **at or after 9 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2018** at the County Council Chambers, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the hearing, and submit written or oral comments regarding the staff recommendation.

The proposed ordinance, will be filed at the Department of Community Development (DCD), 135 Rhone Street, Friday Harbor, WA and posted on the DCD webpage ten days prior to the hearing. Please review the proposed ordinance and related documents at <https://www.sanjuanco.com/1460/Political-Sign-Code-Amendment>. The staff report may be obtained from DCD during business days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and upon request will be mailed without charge.

How to Comment: The official comment period is **Wednesday, July 4, 2018 through the hearing on Friday, July 20, 2018**, unless the County Council extends the comment period. Written comments submitted prior to 12:00 p.m. on July 19 will be copied for the County Council and Planning Commission members unless they wish to review comments on-line. You may comment:

- **Via Mail:** Prior to the hearing date, mail written comments to **Adam Zack, Department of Community Development** PO Box 947 Friday Harbor, WA 98250 or deliver them to the DCD office at 135 Rhone Street Friday Harbor during business hours.
- **Via Email:** Email comments to dcd@sanjuanco.com. **Please title the Email subject line: Comments Regarding Sign Ordinance from (your last name or agency name).** For the record, include your full address in all correspondence.
- **Via Oral Testimony:** The public is invited to comment on the proposal at the public hearing.

Copies: Please provide fifteen (15) copies of written comments if you submit them to DCD after 12:00 p.m. on July 19, 2018, or if you distribute written comments at the hearing.

For questions, please contact Adam Zack at (360) 370-7580 or adamz@sanjuanco.com.

San Juan County Department of Community Development

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APPLICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

| Permit Number | Description | Tax Parcel Number, Project Location, and Island | Applicant/Agent Name and Address | Date of Application | Date Complete | Other Required Permits, if known | Existing Environmental Documents | SEPA Threshold DET | SEPA Comments End Date | Project Comments End Date | Hearing Body | Hearing Place | Hearing Date |
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| PCODES -18-0002 | Political Sign Code Amendment | N/A | County Sponsored | N/A | N/A | N/A | Environmental Checklist | DNS | 7/19/18 | 7/20/18 | Council | Council hearing room | 7/20/18 |
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LAND USE DECISIONS and BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

DECISIONS Hearing Examiner: <http://www.sanjuanco.com/847/Hearing-Examiner> Planning Commission: <http://www.sanjuanco.com/589/Planning-Commission> County Council: <http://www.sanjuanco.com/341/County-Council>
BUILDING and OTHER LAND USE PERMITS are searchable at <http://www.sanjuanco.com/718/Search-Permits-and-Pay-Fees> Select "Citizen Services," then "Permits and Inspections," then "Permits Inquiry" and enter search parameters. To search a date range, use two periods between the date entries, i.e., after "Issue Date," enter "11/17/2014..11/21/2014" and after "Permit Status," select "issued." Entering a permit type will narrow your search. There are also links available on our website.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS and OBTAINING INFORMATION

SEPA Determination: San Juan County has determined that the projects noted above with a DNS or MDNS will not have probable significant adverse impacts on the environment and has issued a Threshold Determination pursuant to Sections 197-11-310 and 197-11-340 WAC. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be required under Section 43.21C.030 (2)(c) RCW. This determination was made after review of the environmental checklist and other environmental information on file at Community Development. The County has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under Chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by Section 43.21C.240 RCW and Section 197-11-158 WAC, or as may be conditioned within any MDNS.

SEPA Comment and Appeal:
 Comment on the SEPA Determination can be submitted in writing to Community Development, PO Box 947 (135 Rhone St), Friday Harbor, WA, 98250 no later than the comment date specified above. The SEPA Determination may be appealed to the Hearing Examiner pursuant to SJC/C 18.80.140 within 21 days of the date of the SEPA Determination.

Application Comments: Any file may be seen by appointment during regular business hours at Community Development, located at 135 Rhone Street, Friday Harbor. Comment on Notice of Application can be submitted in writing to Community Development at P. O. Box 947, Friday Harbor, WA 98250, prior to the end date for project comments specified above. Requests for copies of staff reports and decisions may be made by contacting Community Development: (360) 378-2354 * (360) 378-2116 * Fax (360) 378-3922 dcd@sanjuanco.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS: Hearing Examiner meetings on San Juan Island start at 10:00 a.m., in the Council meeting room, 55 Second St., Friday Harbor. Planning Commission meetings begin at 8:45 am, in the Council meeting room. Written comments should be made prior to the hearing, submitted to: Community Development, PO Box 947, Friday Harbor, WA, 98250. Written comments may also be submitted at the hearing. A copy of the staff report may be obtained seven days prior to the hearing.

LEGAL NO.

Adam Zack

From: COM GMU Review Team <reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 11:28 AM
To: Adam Zack
Subject: Acknowledgement Letter San Juan County Material ID_25060
Attachments: AckLetterExp 6-18.pdf

Attached is the acknowledgement letter regarding: Proposed ordinance regarding political signs amending the county code section 18.40.400 and Ordinance 2-1998.

For more convenient and faster service please contact the Review Team at reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov or call 360.725.4047 if you have any questions.

Please retain this letter for your records



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June 27, 2018

Adam Zack
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Dear Mr. Zack:

Thank you for sending the Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce) the following materials as required under RCW 36.70A.106. Please keep this letter as documentation that you have met this procedural requirement.

County of San Juan - Proposed ordinance regarding political signs amending the county code section 18.40.400 and Ordinance 2-1998. These materials were received on June 27, 2018 and processed with the material ID # 25060. Expedited Review is requested under RCW 36.70A.106(3)(b).

If this submitted material is an adopted amendment, then please keep this letter as documentation that you have met the procedural requirement under RCW 36.70A.106.

If you have submitted this material as a draft amendment requesting expedited review, then we have forwarded a copy of this notice to other state agencies for expedited review and comment. If one or more state agencies indicate that they will be commenting, then Commerce will deny expedited review and the standard 60-day review period (from date received) will apply. Commerce will notify you by e-mail regarding of approval or denial of your expedited review request. If approved for expedited review, then final adoption may occur no earlier than fifteen calendar days after the original date of receipt by Commerce. Please remember to submit the final adopted amendment to Commerce within ten days of adoption.

If you have any questions, please contact Growth Management Services at reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov, or call Dave Andersen (509) 434-4491 or Paul Johnson (360) 725-3048.

Sincerely,

Review Team
Growth Management Services