

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

ADOPT ORDINANCE 1340 TO AMEND CHAPTER 17.12, PUBLIC	)	
PARCITPATION, AND CHAPTER 17.05, GENERAL PROVISIONS,	)	
OF THE LEWIS COUNTY CODE.	)	ORDINANCE 1340
	)	

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan (Ordinance 1287) was adopted in 2017 by the Board of County Commissioners and is consistent with RCW 06.70A, Growth Management; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.140 requires counties planning under the Growth Management Act to establish a public participation program that identifies early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of comprehensive land use plans and development regulations that implement such plans. The procedures shall provide for broad dissemination of proposals and alternatives, opportunity for written comments, public meetings after effective notice, provision for open discussion, communication programs, information services, and consideration of and response to public comments.; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County Code (LCC) 17.12, Public Participation Process, (Ordinance 1179) was adopted in 2002, amended (Ordinance 1297) in 2019, amended (Ordinance 1330) in 2021, and is consistent with RCW 36.70A.140; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County is required by RCW 36.70A.130 to periodically review and evaluate its comprehensive land use plan and development regulations to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the Washington State Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, as provided for by RCW 36.70A.130 and RCW 43.21C.440, the Lewis County Planning Commission elected to conduct a periodic review and update of LCC Chapter 17.12 (Exhibit A) to improve the public participation process and to update LCC Chapter 17.05 (Exhibit B), General Provisions, to clarify the relationship to LCC 17.12; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.170A.130(2)(a) requires that amendments to comprehensive land use plans not be made more than once per year except adoption of comprehensive plan amendments necessary to enact a planned action under RCW 43.21C.440, including amendments to development regulations that are consistent with a comprehensive plan adopted under RCW 36.70A; and

WHEREAS, staff provided notice for public hearings before the Lewis County Planning Commission on the proposed amendments in the manner prescribed in Chapters 17.05 and 17.12 LCC on September 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2022, the Lewis County Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed code amendments in LCC Chapter 17.12 and Chapter 17.05; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the Planning Commission deliberated and voted unanimously to transmit the amendments to the Lewis County Board of County of

Commissioners (BOCC) (Exhibit D, Letter of Transmittal); and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2022, the Lewis County BOCC passed Resolution 22-XXX to hold a public hearing on Ordinance 1340 and directed the Clerk of the Board to provide notice of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County BOCC held duly noticed public hearing on the proposed amendments to LCC Chapter 17.12 (Exhibit A) and Chapter 17.05 (Exhibit B) on December 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County BOCC finds that the amendments LCC Chapter 17.12 (Exhibit A) and Chapter 17.05 (Exhibit B) are consistent with RCW 36.70A.130(2)(a), .020(11), .035, and .140 as described in Exhibit C Further Findings of Fact; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County BOCC finds that the proposed amendments to LCC Chapter 17.12 (Exhibit A) and Chapter 17.05 (Exhibit B) best serves the residents of Lewis County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lewis County BOCC hereby adopts the amendments to Lewis County Code Chapter 17.12, Public Participation Program, as shown in Exhibit A; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lewis County BOCC hereby adopts the amendments to Lewis County Code Chapter 17.05, General Provisions, as shown in Exhibit B; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lewis County BOCC hereby adopts Exhibit C as further findings of fact.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

ATTEST:

Sean D. Swope, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

F. Lee Grose, Commissioner