

**ORDINANCE 2009-02**  
**(AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE INTERIM ZONING CONTROLS FOR THE**  
**SWIFT SUBAREA FOR SIX MONTHS)**

**WHEREAS**, Skamania County adopted an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to create the Swift Subarea Plan on September 4, 2007; and,

**WHEREAS**, on September 4, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the Planning Department to draft interim zoning controls for the Swift Subarea; and,

**WHEREAS**, Board of County Commissioners determined that the Interim Zoning Controls shall consist of minimum lot sizes and uses that are consistent with the adopted Swift Subarea Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, some uses in the adopted Swift Subarea Plan need further refinement, the creation of standards, and amendments to other county codes that will be accomplished during the Final Swift Zoning process and should not be included in the Interim Zoning Controls; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Interim Zoning Controls were adopted on September 25, 2007 for a six month timeframe and the final zoning process is still underway; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Interim Zoning Controls were extended for six months on March 18, 2008, September 2, 2008 and February 18, 2009; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to extend the Interim Zoning Controls for a period of six months to allow time to complete the Final Swift Zoning; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners with a quorum present, conducted a public meeting to consider extending for six months the Swift Interim Zoning; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has the authority pursuant to RCW 36.70.795 to establish interim zoning controls, whether or not there is a recommendation on the matter from the Planning Commission or the Community Development Department, that may be effective for not longer than six months, but may be effective for up to one year if a work plan is developed for related studies providing for such longer period. Interim zoning controls may be renewed for one or more six-month period(s); and,

**WHEREAS**, a work plan for the Final Swift Zoning process has been developed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners having provided proper notice in the official newspaper of general circulation and with a quorum present, conducted a public hearing to consider extending the Interim Zoning for the Swift Subarea for six months; and,

**WHEREAS**, after all those attending the hearing were given the opportunity to speak; the public hearing was closed to public testimony; and,

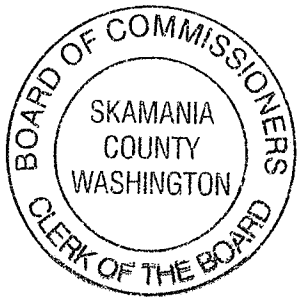
**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners finds a sufficient basis to extend the Swift Interim Zoning for an additional six (6) months, believe that the above mentioned circumstances constitute an emergency, and that it is in the public's best interest (to protect the public's safety, health and general welfare) to maintain the status quo of the area pending the County's consideration of adopting final zoning to be consistent with the adopted Swift Subarea Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners intends for these recitals to constitute its "findings of fact" as required by RCW 36.70.795; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:** the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts Ordinance 2009-02 to extend the Interim Zoning Controls for the Swift Subarea for six months.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-02 PASSED INTO LAW THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2009.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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Chairman

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of the Board

**APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:**

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Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney

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