

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Tuesday, December 22, 1992**

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9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.    Planning and Community Development - Dave Hough, Acting Director.

- 1)      Discussion - Amendment to Skagit County Code 14.04.155 - Signs.
- 2)      Code Enforcement Report.
- 3)      Miscellaneous.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 22, 1992, with Commissioners Robby Robinson, Ruth Wylie, and W. W. Vaux present.

**PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DAVE HOUGH, ACTING DIRECTOR.**

- 1)      Discussion - Amendment to Skagit County Code 14.04.155 - Signs.

Commissioner Wylie stated that she had requested that proposed changes be presented to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Hough requested direction from the Board regarding specific size recommendations for political signs to include in the proposed ordinance

The proposed new text to be added to SCC 14.04.155(5)(d) for Temporary Political signs located on private property, was     square feet or less in size; and (e) signs advertising agricultural products, 32 square feet or less in size. Mr. Hough stated that the square footage was left blank in order to receive direction from the Board for specific sign size requirements.

Commissioner Vaux asked what the reason was for specifying the size of political signs.

Commissioner Wylie said that billboard signs are too large and distract traffic. She would like to see a coordinated effort between the County and the cities to regulate political sign size.

Mr. Bob Hart stated that four foot by eight foot signs were numerous during the election primaries this year. He felt that it should be clear that campaign signs are not to be placed on public land.

Stephanie Wood, Administrative Coordinator, said that there are County restrictions regarding campaign signs on public right-of-ways currently in effect.

Commissioner Wylie felt that political signs should be no larger than four feet by four feet.

Commissioner Vaux felt that there should be no restrictions on sign size.

Chairman Robinson agreed with Commissioner Wylie that they should be no larger than four feet by four feet.

Mr. Hart suggested to propose a size limit of two feet by four feet, and listen to what the public will have to suggest at the public hearing.

Commissioner Vaux asked if, in regards to agricultural products signs, anyone who sells an agricultural

product can put up a 32 square foot sign.

Mr. Hart felt that a four feet by eight feet sign will probably be a home made sign or local business product. He felt that a large industry would not bother with that small of a sign in Skagit County.

Commissioner Wylie asked for clarification of directional signs.

Mr. Hough stated that directional signs are intended for routing traffic to a business only, not the advertisement of products.

Commissioner Vaux stated that it was his understanding that the City of Anacortes does not allow off-premises signs for businesses.

Mr. Hough stated that the intent of the proposed code revision is to allow for the placement of off-premises signs.

Commissioner Wylie felt that restrictions on signage are necessary, but with specific guidelines.

Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer suggested that off premises signs be required to meet one or two specific limitations and require an administrative review.

2) Code Enforcement Report.

The Code Enforcement Report was presented to the Board.

3) Miscellaneous.

No miscellaneous items were presented at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A) The Board voted unanimously and signed a Letter of Understanding to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local #788 beginning November 1, 1992 through December 31, 1994, representing District Court Clerk employees. Health insurance premium co-pays will be changed as follows: Group Health will be increased from \$15 to \$50 per month; and Health Plus will be increased from \$20 to \$65 per month.
- B) The Board voted unanimously and signed a Letter of Addendum with Teamsters Local #788 adding and including the Skagit County Records Management Department to the current collective bargaining agreement effective January 1, 1993.


ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adjourn the proceedings, Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion which carried unanimously.


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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Robby Robinson, Chairman

  
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Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

  
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W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Connie Carter, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

