

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Ordinance 2019-170

An Ordinance Adopting the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update as part
of the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update

WHEREAS, Chapter 36.70A RCW, also known as the Growth Management Act ("the Act"), requires local governments subject to the requirements of the Act to adopt comprehensive plans and implement regulations consistent with the Act; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the Starbuck Citizens Advisory Committee and the Starbuck Town Council, with assistance from the Washington State Department of Commerce ("Commerce") developed the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Starbuck in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the Act requires the Town of Starbuck to take legislative action to review and, if needed, revise its Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations at least every eight years; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Starbuck ("the Town"), through the Town Council, entered into an interlocal agreement with Columbia County on March 13, 2018 to allow Columbia County to take the lead on the 2019 regional Comprehensive Plan Update (Exhibit 1).

WHEREAS, the Town completed the periodic update checklist provided by the Department of Commerce to ensure the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations comply with Chapter 36.70A RCW; and,

WHEREAS, On October 9, 2018, the Starbuck Town Council held a public hearing on the proposed docket items and, with no public comments received, adopted the docket list which included submitted update requests as well as mandated updates pursuant to Chapter 36.70A RCW; and,

WHEREAS, the Town, through the Town Council, adopted the Columbia County critical areas regulations by reference; and,

WHEREAS, the Town provided public notice and invited and encouraged public participation in the consideration of the proposed updates, including the use of an email registry, broad and effective noticing, and color posters around highly visited areas in the community; and,

WHEREAS, On May 28, 2019, the Planning Director transmitted to Commerce the proposed updates as part of the 2019 Period Plan and Code Update; and said transmittal having satisfied the requirements of the Growth Management Act; and,

WHEREAS, Commerce received the drafted amendments at least 60 days prior to the anticipated adoption of the updates; and,

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2019, Commerce provided a comment letter indicating general acceptance of the draft plan, with no comments requiring additional review or update; and,

WHEREAS, under the State Environmental Policy Act ("SEPA"), the Planning Director issued a Determination of Nonsignificance ("DNS") on July 11, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, no comments were received regarding the DNS; and,

WHEREAS, the Town, through the Town Council, held duly advertised public meetings concerning other associated items and drafts for the 2019 update between October 9, 2018, and May 14, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, notice of public hearing was published in the Newspaper of Record on September 26, and October 3, 2019, published on the county website, posted at the County Courthouse, the Planning Department, Starbuck Town Hall, the Starbuck Community Bulletin Board, and the Commissioners' Office at least 14 days prior to the hearing, offering broad and effective noticing of the hearing scheduled for October 8, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, at the scheduled public hearing, the Starbuck Town Council considered all testimony for or against the proposed amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the Town has successfully completed the periodic update required by RCW 36.70A.130(5); and,

WHEREAS, the Town, through the Town Council, thereafter made the recommendation to adopt the draft revisions of the 2019 Comprehensive Plan as presented.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE STARBUCK TOWN COUNCIL:

Section 1: Findings and Conclusions. The Starbuck Town Council bases its findings and conclusions on the entire record of testimony and exhibits. Part of the record considered is the

final Town of Starbuck, Washington Staff Report ("Staff Report"), herein adopted by reference as "Exhibit A".

Section 2: Adoption. The Starbuck Town Council hereby adopts the amended comprehensive Plan ("2019 Comprehensive Plan) included herein as "Exhibit B".

Section 3: Transmittal to Commerce. This Ordinance and associated exhibits shall be transmitted to Commerce within 10 days of adoption.

Section 4: Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 5: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after its passage as required by law.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2019

STARBUCK TOWN COUNCIL

STARBUCK, WASHINGTON

Richard Ells, Mayor

Dale Slack, Prosecuting Attorney

Attest: Jan Ells, Town Clerk