

RESOLUTION 2016-03R

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT
APPROVING A DRAFT SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM AND
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT SHORELINE MASTER
PROGRAM TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

WHEREAS the Washington State Legislature has determined that the shorelines of the state are among the most valuable and fragile of its natural resources and that there is great concern throughout the state relating to their utilization, protection, restoration, and preservation;

WHEREAS the Washington State Legislature has determined that ever increasing pressures of additional uses are being placed on the shorelines necessitating increased coordination in the management and development of the shorelines of the state;

WHEREAS the Washington State Legislature has determined that: much of the shorelines of the state and the uplands adjacent thereto are in private ownership; that unrestricted construction on the privately owned or publicly owned shorelines of the state is not in the best public interest; and therefore, coordinated planning is necessary in order to protect the public interest associated with the shorelines of the state while, at the same time, recognizing and protecting private property rights consistent with the public interest;

WHEREAS the Washington State Legislature passed the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 Revised Code Washington) to establish requirements for the management of the state's shorelines;

WHEREAS the Shoreline Management Act and applicable regulations (Chapter 173-26, Washington Administrative Code) requires local governments with shorelines of the state within their boundaries to develop and administer a shoreline master program (SMP);

WHEREAS the City of Prescott has prepared, with the assistance of neighboring jurisdictions, a draft SMP entitled, "City of Prescott Shoreline Master Program;"

WHEREAS the City of Prescott consulted with and sought comments from persons, groups, and other entities having interests or responsibilities related to the City's shorelines;

WHEREAS the City of Prescott sought comments on the draft proposal from the Washington State Department of Ecology;

WHEREAS the City of Prescott provided the Washington State Department of Commerce notice of the City's intent to adopt the SMP, 60 days before adoption;

WHEREAS on February 19, 2016, the City received an acknowledgement from Department of Commerce of receipt, and no comments from State agencies were received during the 60-day review period;

WHEREAS on March 24, 2016, the Mayor, on behalf of the City and pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21C RCW, issued a determination that the proposed plan does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment (*i.e.*, Determination of Non-Significance) and notified the public via written notice of the 14-day comment period;

WHEREAS the comment period ended on April 7, 2016, no comments were received during the comment period, and no appeals of the threshold determination were filed;

WHEREAS the City of Prescott held informational public meetings for the SMP on March 8 and April 12, 2016, and following the informational meetings, the City of Prescott Planning Commission held special meetings and conducted a public hearing on the SMP on April 12, 2016;

WHEREAS notice of the informational meetings and public hearing was published in the Waitsburg Times prior to the meetings and hearing;

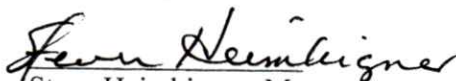
WHEREAS following the public hearing the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council of the City of Prescott approve the draft SMP; and

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Planning Commission, has had the opportunity to review the draft SMP and to discuss the same, and finds the proposed SMP to be in the best interest of the City of Prescott.

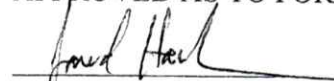
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Prescott that the proposed Draft City of Prescott Shoreline Master Program (attached as Exhibit A) is hereby approved as the Draft City of Prescott's Shoreline Master Program and shall be submitted to the Department of Ecology for final approval consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

Done in open meeting this 9th day of May, 2016.


APPROVED


Steve Heimbigner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Jared N. Hawkins, City Attorney

ATTEST:


Linda Vannoster, City Clerk/Treasurer