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EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 89- 052
RELATING TO
OUTSIDE WOODWASTE SITES;
AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE TITLE 28

WHEREAS, under the zoning regulations of the County, woodwaste sites are permitted outright in certain zones;

WHEREAS, there are several sites within the County that have been stockpiling woodwaste;

WHEREAS, there are few regulatory provisions in the County Code that apply to woodwaste sites;

WHEREAS, the outside storage of woodwaste raises significant environmental and public safety issues which need to be addressed;

WHEREAS, a fire at one of these woodwaste sites demonstrated the immediate need for more stringent controls;

WHEREAS, County staff is drafting an ordinance to require environmental and safety controls, limit the size and location of such sites and to require a conditional use permit to be obtained; and

WHEREAS, a proper review of the ordinance will take several months during which more sites could be established without proper review and control.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The outside storage of woodwaste is prohibited. This prohibition shall not apply to:

A. Outside woodwaste storage sites established prior to the effective date of this ordinance: PROVIDED, That an increase in the area utilized by an existing outside woodwaste storage site or the volume of the woodwaste stored on such site is prohibited.

B. On-site storage of woodwaste produced by the clearing of:

(1) Any individual single family lot for purposes of building; or

(2) A tract of land, for purposes of permitted site development, which is under unified development control, which meets all of the following criteria:

(a) preliminary development approval was granted pursuant to Titles 18, 19, former 20A and 20 SCC;

(b) a grading permit was granted, if necessary, pursuant to Title 17 SCC and Chapter 70 of the Uniform Building Code; and

(c) a clearing plan was approved as a condition of land development approval:

PROVIDED, That the volume of such woodwaste contained on any single lot as described in subsection B(1) of this section shall not exceed 50 cubic yards at any one time.

C. Outside storage of woodwaste not exceeding an accumulation of 50 cubic yards on a single lot, tract or parcel of real property other than those described in subsection B of this section.

D. Outside storage of woodwaste associated with a lumber mill.

Section 2. "Woodwaste" means any type of solid waste consisting of wood pieces or particles generated as a by-product or waste from the manufacturing of wood products, handling and storage of raw materials and trees and stumps. This includes but is not limited to sawdust, chips, shavings, bark, pulp, hog fuel and log sort waste, but does not include wood pieces, or particles containing chemical preservatives such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, copper-chrome-arsenate, paints or stains.

Section 3. Snohomish County Code subsection 28.08.020(6), last amended by Ordinance 88-108 on December 5, 1988, is amended as follows:

(6) Ordinance, the land use. "Land use ordinance" includes the ordinance codified in this title and any other existing or future ordinances of the county which regulate the use and development of land, including but not limited to the following ordinances and amendments thereto: the zoning code (Title 18 SCC), the subdivision code (Title 19 SCC), the mobile home code (~~(Title 17 SCC)~~ chapter 17.28 SCC), building code (Title 17 SCC), fire code (Title 16 SCC), shoreline management permit ordinance (Title 21 SCC), drainage ordinance (Title 24 SCC), grading code (Title 17 SCC), flood hazard ordinance (Title 27 SCC), rights-of-way code (Title 13 SCC), woodwaste site regulation (ordinance 89-).

Section 4. The council finds that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public health and safety and for the support of county government and its existing public institutions. The Council further finds that it is necessary that this ordinance be in effect immediately in order to give full effect to its provisions and intent and to reduce the risk of fire, pollution and threats to public safety which could result from the unregulated establishment of woodwaste storage and disposal sites. Based upon these findings, the council declares that an emergency exists and this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Section 5. This ordinance is hereby repealed on August 31, 1989.

PASSED this 17th day of May, 1989.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ATTEST:

Julie Vanderve
Asst. Clerk of the Council

William H. Burt
Chairperson

Approved as to form *only*:

John V. St
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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DATE: May 19, 1989

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