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Title 18H

DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS – FOREST PRACTICES

Chapter 18H.10

GENERAL PROVISIONS

18H.10.020 Purpose.

This Title establishes the minimum standards and requirements associated with local government review and jurisdiction over ~~Class IV Forest Practices~~ and conversion option harvest plans and establishes local procedures for forest practice related development moratoria in accordance with RCW 76.09 (Washington State Forest Practices Act).

18H.10.055 Compliance With Other Codes.

An application filed pursuant to this Title shall also comply with the following Titles of the Pierce County Code, as now existing or hereafter amended:

- I. ~~Title 20, Shoreline Management Use Regulations~~ Title 18S PCC, Development Policies and Regulations – Shorelines.



Chapter 18H.20

FOREST PRACTICES APPROVALS

Sections:

- 18H.20.010 Purpose.
- 18H.20.020 Exemptions.
- 18H.20.025 Shorelines of Statewide Significance.
- 18H.20.030 Class IV-General Forest Practices.
- 18H.20.040 Class I Forest Practices.
- 18H.20.050 Conversion Option Harvest Plans (COHP).
- 18H.20.060 Additional Requirements Applicable to all Applications.
- 18H.20.070 Modifications.
- 18H.20.080 Time Limitations.

18H.20.020 Exemptions.

Unless proposed on a Shoreline of Statewide Significance, the following activities are exempted from the provisions of this Chapter:

- A. Class I forest practices located outside of UGAs, except when:
 - 1. The forest practices are associated with the conversion of land to a non-forestry use, or
 - 2. The forest practices occur on land platted after January 1, 1960.
- B. Class I forest practices located within UGAs that do not involve road construction or timber harvesting.
- C. Class II, III, and IV-Special forest practices in a UGA where the landowner submits a 10-year statement of non-conversion to the Department of Natural Resources (reforestation agreement) together with either an acceptable 10-Year Forest Management Plan or proof that the land is currently enrolled in Designated Forest Land, under the provisions of RCW 84.33.
- D. Class II, III, and IV-Special forest practices located outside UGAs, which are permitted or approved by the Department of Natural Resources, and do not have an associated COHP.

18H.20.025 Shorelines of Statewide Significance.

Although a forest practices approval from the County is not required, the following requirement shall be met:

- A. For Class I, II, and III Forest Practices located within 200 feet of the OHWM of Shorelines of Statewide Significance, selective commercial timber cutting shall not exceed 30 percent of the merchantable trees in any 10-year period. Shorelines of Statewide Significance are identified in PCC 18S.20.020.

18H.20.030 Class IV-General Forest Practices.

- A. **State and Local Approval.** Pursuant to the RCW, Pierce County is designated lead agency for compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act. Pierce County is also permitted to exercise any: (a) Land use planning or zoning authority, (b) Taxing powers, (c) Regulatory authority with respect to public health, and (d) Authority granted



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by RCW 90.58 (~~Washington State~~ Shoreline Management Act), provided that the land use planning or zoning authority regulations shall not be inconsistent with the forest practice regulations enacted under RCW 76.09. Accordingly, a SEPA threshold determination is required to be obtained from Pierce County prior to obtaining a Class IV-General forest practices permit from Pierce County. Prior to conducting any forest practices defined as Class IV-General, an approved Class IV-General forest practices permit shall be obtained from Pierce County.

