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## **Duvall establishes 60 day residential moratorium**

### **Public Hearing will determine if moratorium is to be extended**

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**DUVALL, Wash.** – During a City Council meeting held on February 21, 2017 the City Council approved a 60 day emergency moratorium on residential preliminary plat applications. The moratorium is intended to provide adequate time and staff capacity for the completion of municipal code updates associated with the recently adopted City of Duvall Comprehensive Plan and Watershed Plan. Specifically, the moratorium will allow staff to develop updates to tree-retention policies and Sensitive Areas Ordinances, as well as transportation and stormwater codes that will serve as requirements for future preliminary plat applications.

All of these updates will assist in implementing the community's vision as articulated in the development of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan; and the City Council believes that the updates to these policies, plans and documents must be a priority.

The moratorium does not impact current or pending development projects within Duvall such as approved preliminary plats, associated construction, and final plat approval. Developer agreements and annexation petitions which include agreements to abide by the updated tree-retention, critical areas, and stormwater code requirements may also be processed; but no preliminary plats associated with these agreements would be processed during the moratorium.

Pursuant to RCW 35.63.200 the City is required to hold a public hearing to discuss the moratorium within the next 60 days. The public hearing for this moratorium will be held during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2017; potential 6 or 12 month extensions will also be discussed at this time.

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