

No. 13870

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF RULES PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 43.21C RCW AND CHAPTER 197-11 WAC RELATING TO
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOR GARFIELD
COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS the State Environmental Policy Act ("SEPA"), Chapter 43.21C RCW, sets forth an environmental policy for Washington State and requires that agencies review the environmental impacts of proposals, and, where appropriate, to mitigate those impacts; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 197-11 of the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC") provides SEPA rules to guide agency actions and to implement SEPA; and,

WHEREAS, SEPA applies to state agencies, counties, and municipal and public corporations; and,

WHEREAS, previously the County has relied on the state regulations in WAC 197-11 to satisfy its responsibilities under SEPA, as allowed by WAC 197-11-918; and,

WHEREAS, the County now desires to adopt the SEPA policies and regulations ("Garfield County SEPA Ordinance"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, pursuant to RCW 43.21C.120; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Ecology has adopted a model SEPA ordinance to guide agencies when drafting and adopting SEPA policies and regulations that the County refers to in part; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of SEPA policies and procedures is, itself, categorically exempt from SEPA review pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(19) and WAC 197-11-904(5); and,

WHEREAS, the County has provided public notice and opportunity for public comment and held public hearings on this ordinance on May 26 and June 1, 2009;

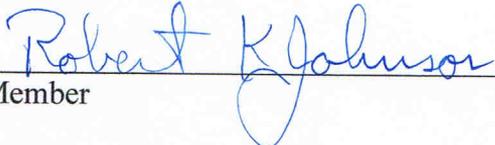
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of GARFIELD COUNTY does hereby ORDAIN to adopt the Garfield County SEPA Ordinance, which is attached hereto and adopted by reference as if fully set forth herein.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption.

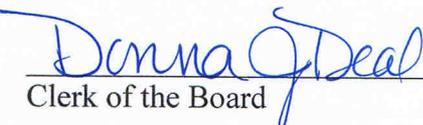
ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2009.


Chair

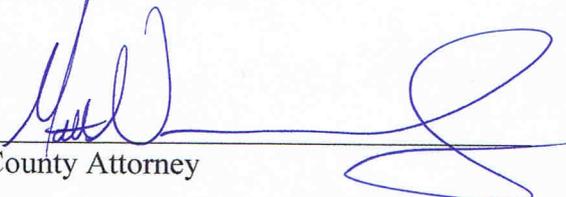

Member


Member

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


County Attorney