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6 **RESOLUTION NO. R2008-23**
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9 **A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Initiating the Process for**
10 **Considering Potential Amendments to the Pierce County**
11 **Development Regulation Series (Titles 18, 18A, 18B, 18E,**
12 **18H, and 18J, Pierce County Code); Including Modifications**
13 **to Setback Requirements, Significant Tree Retention**
14 **Requirements, Native Vegetation Retention and Replacement**
15 **Requirements, Grading Requirements within Community**
16 **Plan Areas, Off-Premises Signs, and Other Modifications to**
17 **the Pierce County Development Regulations; Requesting the**
18 **Planning and Land Services Department Develop the Needed**
19 **Amendments and Conduct the Necessary Environmental**
20 **Review; Referring these Amendments to the Planning**
21 **Commission and Affected Land Use Advisory Commissions;**
22 **and Setting a Date for the Planning Commission to Submit Its**
23 **Report and Recommendation to the Council.**
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25 **Whereas**, periodic updates to the County's Development Regulations are
26 necessary to correct problems identified by those using the document or to clarify areas
27 which are subject to misinterpretation; and
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29 **Whereas**, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A.130 requires that the
30 County's development regulations be "subject to continuing review and evaluation"; and
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32 **Whereas**, in 2007, Pierce County formed three working groups to evaluate
33 potential conflicts and inconsistencies within the development regulations contained
34 within Pierce County Code; and
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36 **Whereas**, these working groups consist of the Planned Development District
37 (PDD) Task Force, the code consistency ad hoc working group, and the Development
38 Sign Advisory Committee; and
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1 **Whereas**, these working groups included members from the development
2 industry, community residents, Land Use Advisory Commissions, business interests,
3 and County staff; and
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5 **Whereas**, each of these working groups forwarded recommendations to the
6 Council regarding potential Code revisions; and
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8 **Whereas**, in addition to the potential Code revisions identified by the three
9 working groups, additional items have been identified by County staff; and
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11 **Whereas**, the Council believes that this Resolution is in the best interest and
12 general welfare of the citizens of Pierce County; **Now Therefore**,

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14 **BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Pierce County:**
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16 Section 1. The Pierce County Council hereby initiates the process for review by
17 the Planning Agency of proposed amendments to the Pierce County Code, Title 18,
18 "Development Regulations – General Provisions"; Title 18A, "Development Regulations
19 – Zoning"; Title 18B, "Development Regulations – Signs"; Title 18E, "Development
20 Regulations – Critical Areas"; Title 18H, "Development Regulations – Forest Practices
21 and Tree Conservation"; and Title 18J, "Development Regulations – Design Standards
22 and Guidelines"; as generally described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated
23 herein.
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25 Section 2. The Planning and Land Services Department is requested to consult
26 with affected Land Use Advisory Commissions on an individual basis in order that the
27 individual commissions may formally consider the proposed amendments and make
28 provide recommendations on the same to the Department, Planning Commission, and
29 the Council. The Land Use Advisory Commission recommendations should be
30 forwarded to the Planning Commission and the Council no later than October 1, 2008.
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1 Section 3. The Planning and Land Services Department is requested to conduct
2 the necessary State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) review of all the proposed
3 amendments and present its staff report and recommendations to the Planning
4 Commission. The Planning Commission is requested to make a report and
5 recommendation back to the Council by November 1, 2008. The report and
6 recommendation shall include supporting rationale for any recommendation.

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8 **ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2008.**

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10 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

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15 **Denise D. Johnson**
16 Clerk of the Council

Terry Lee
Council Chair

