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Legislation Text

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications and permits for new or expanded facilities in the Cherry Point urban growth area, the primary purpose of which would be the shipment of unrefined fossil fuels not to be processed at Cherry Point

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

This interim moratorium prohibits the filing, acceptance, and processing of new applications for conversion of land or water, new building or structure permits, or other County permits or authorizations in the Cherry Point Urban Growth Area for new or expanded facilities whose purpose is to facilitate the increased shipment of unrefined fossil fuels not to be processed at Cherry Point, unless the applications: 1. Were filed and complete prior to the effective date of this ordinance and vested pursuant to Washington statutes; 2. Were for building permits for remodels, maintenance, or repairs of existing structures where no increased capacity for shipping unrefined fossil fuels not to be processed at Cherry Point will result; or 3. Were necessary to protect health and safety of the community. This interim ordinance shall be effective for not longer than six months following its effective date, but may be renewed for one or more six-month periods if subsequent public hearings are held and findings of fact are made prior to each renewal.