

RESOLUTION NO. H-1-2013

A RESOLUTION appointing hearing officers for the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department

WHEREAS Article I, section 2.9 of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County requires any person who will exercise the authority and perform the duties of hearing officer to be appointed by the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS The Board of Health desires that hearings on most contested appeals and waiver requests be conducted by hearing officers who are independent decision-makers not employed within the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department; and

WHEREAS hearings required on an expedited or emergency basis, uncontested matters and other matters where the contracted hearing officers are unable to serve should continue to be handled by internal hearing officers.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Health of Thurston County, Washington hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following individuals are appointed to exercise the authority and perform the duties of hearing officers pursuant to Article I, section 2.9 of the Thurston County Sanitary Code and all other matters under the jurisdiction of the Thurston County Health Officer or Public Health and Social Services Department:

Sharon Rice, attorney with the firm Offices of Sharon Rice, Hearing Examiner, PLLC is appointed as the primary hearing officer to conduct hearings in accordance with Sections 8.1, 13.3, and 19.8 of Article I of the Thurston County Sanitary Code, Section 23.7 and 24.7 Article IV of the Thurston County Sanitary Code, Chapter 10.92 of the Thurston County Code, and any other matters referred, in writing, by the Chairman of the Board of Health.

Art Starry, Don Sloma and Dr. Diana Yu are appointed as hearing officers to exercise full authority and perform all duties of a hearing officer regarding any and all matters; however, they shall serve as back up hearing officers for hearings under Sections 8.1, 13.3, and 19.8 of Article I of the Thurston County Sanitary Code, Section 23.7 and 24.7 Article IV of the Thurston County Sanitary Code, Chapter 10.92 of the Thurston County Code.

Steve Petersen is appointed as hearing officer for waiver and variance requests under Article III of the Thurston County Sanitary Code that do not require a hearing and for Food Establishment Expedited Hearings under Article I, Section 8.10.

Section 2. These appointments shall be effective January 8, 2013 and shall continue until revoked by action of the Thurston County Board of Health, or, in the case of Thurston County employees, by termination of employment or, in the case of independent contractors, by termination of their contract, whichever is earlier.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect on January 8, 2013.

Section 4. Upon this Resolution taking effect, Resolution H-1-2011 is hereby repealed.

ADOPTED: January 8, 2013


ATTEST:

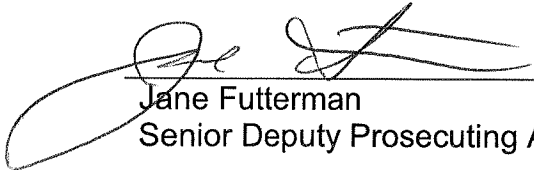

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