

## EIGHTEEN Words

The Growth Management Planning section of RCW 36.70A.020, you will find “Planning Goals”. This section talks about Urban growth and Economic development, where it encourages more development. Sometimes we get carried away with development! There are about 75,000 words telling us about development, but hidden in this section are 18 very important words that talk about historic preservation. These words say:

**Historic preservation. Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures, that have historical or archaeological significance.**

In Olympia we have a Department of Archeological and Historic Preservation whose main function is to see that these needs are met. No wonder historic preservation has such a hard time. In a document of 75,000, eighteen words is only 0.02 percent.