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ÓRDINANCE NO. 109

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE CURRENT RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AS THE SAME MAY NOW EXIST OR HEREAFTER BE AMENDED, WITH CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS AND PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, ACTING AS THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH DOES HEREBY ORDAIN THAT:

This ordinance shall apply to all territory embraced within the limits of Walla Walla County.

That the Rules and Regulations of the Washington State Board of Health for On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems is hereby adopted by reference as the On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems resolution of the County of Walla Walla, Together with amendments thereof and additions thereto as hereinafter set forth. All amendments and additions to the Rules and Regulations of the Washington State Board of Health with regards to on-site sewage disposal systems, when printed and filed with the County Auditor therefore shall become amendments and additions thereto.

Section 1.

All sections of the Washington State Administrative Code 248-96-020 through 248-96-180 shall be adopted except as follows:

WAC 248-96-040 APPLICABILITY

The provisions of this section shall be limited to the following:

(a) These regulations shall not apply to new construction for which a permit was issued prior to the effective date of the regulation or to existing systems where extensions or alterations are undertaken as a result of failure of the system or portions thereof, or pursuant to an order of the health officer.

WAC 248-96-080 PERMIT

- All items shall be included and Item H shall be added:
- (a) Item H. The fee shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and shall accompany the application.

WAC 248-96-090 MINIMUM LOT SIZES

Method one (1) only shall apply to this resolution.

WAC 248-96-100 LOCATION

- All items shall be included except that Item (4) shall read as follows:
- (a) No on-site disposal system shall be located within a 100 year flood plain as determined by the applicable local flood control agency.

WAC 248-96-110 DESIGN

- All items shall be included except sub-sections 4 (b) and 7 which shall read as follows:
- 4(b) Material: septic tanks and dosing tanks shall be made of reinforced concrete and water tight. Other material may be used when approved by the health officer and is consistent with the intent of this resolution.

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(7) Construction on slopes in excess of 15% shall not be allowed. Drainfields shall not be closer than 20 feet to a slope which exceeds 15%.

Sub-sections 9 through 13 shall be added to the section regarding design as follows:

(9) Surface absorption field construction detai	lls:		
	Unit	Maximum	<u>Minimum</u>
Trenches, center to center	Feet		14
Number of lateral trenches			2
Length of trenches	Feet	100	
Width of trenches	Inches	24	18
Depth of lines (top)	Inches	30	14
Slope of lines	In/100	ft 6	2
Depth of coarse material:			
Under pipe	Inches		12
Over pipe	Inches		2
Size of coarse gravel	Inches	2½	1/2
Depth of backfill over coarsematerial	Inches	28	12

- (10) No sewage shall be drained from a basement unless the terrain is such that the drainfield can be located no more than thirty (30) inches below the ground level . Sewage pumps may be used for basement sewage only.
- (11) Design capacity of septic tank for individual dwelling units:

Dwelling units with three (3) bedrooms or less -----1000 gallons Four (4) bedroom dwelling units-----1200 gallons

For all additional bedrooms, add 250 gallons.

- (12) There shall be an area equivalent to 100% of the initial drainfield area reserved for a replacement of a drainfield in case of failure. This area must meet all the requirements of the initial installation.
- (13) The sewer pipe from the building to the septic tank shall be four (4) inch cast iron. There shall be four (4) inch cast iron from the septic tank outlet to undisturbed earth (6 ft.). Other materials may be used if approved by the Western Uniform Plumbing Code and the health officer.

WAC 248-96-140 INSPECTION

(a) The health officer may make inspections during construction to determine compliance with these regulations. No part of any installation shall be covered until approval has been obtained from the health officer. When a system is found to be in violation of this resolution, or constitutes a health hazard or if, in the health officer's opinion, it is likely to create a health hazard due to improper construction or location he shall have the authority to require the necessary alterations to insure proper operation and safety. If the violations are not corrected in the length of time specified by the health officer, the system may be condemned and its use prohibited. The health officer shall also have the authority to require any septic tank, drainfield or seepage pit opened or uncovered which has been covered before an inspection was made.

It shall be the responsibility of the contractor or builder to notify the Health Department when a sewage system is ready for inspection.

WAC 248-96-160 WAIVER OF REGULATIONS

(a) A variance of this resolution shall require approval of the health officer and the Walla Walla County Board of Health and said waiver shall be consistent with the intent of these regulations and that no public health hazard will result.

WAC 248-06-175 SEWAGE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

Firms, corporations, or individuals engaged in the business of installing or repairing on-site sewage disposal systems shall obtain a permit issued by the Walla Walla County-City Health Department. This permit is renewable annually and may be revoked for noncompliance of these regulations.

The fee shall be $\frac{\$60.00}{1}$ dollars for the original license and $\frac{\$35.00}{1}$ for annual renewals.

A written and/or oral examination may be required for issuance of the permit.

Section 2.

Violations: Anyone violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this resolution shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) or to imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days in the County jail. Each day a violation of this ordinance continues shall be considered a separate offense.

Section 3.

Repealing certain ordinances: That Ordinance No. 93 as amended and all other ordinances that conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4.

Should any part of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder thereof.

Section 5.

This ordinance shall be in full force and affect upon its passage and publication as required by law, except that two compartment septic tanks will not be required until July 1, 1975.

Dated at Walla Walla, Washington this 25th day of March, 1975.

Attest: Sherlare & Byerke County Auditor and ex Officio Clerk of the Board

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla County, Washington and acting as the County Board of Health.

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AMENDMENT TO COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 109

AMENDMENT NO. 1

WHEREAS, WAC 248-96-080 requires the issuance of a permit by the Health Officer prior to the installation or major alteration on any on-site sewage disposal system,

WHEREAS, the time and cost requirements for enforcement of the sewage program have increased significantly,

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla County Health Officer has recommended the adoption of a permit fee increase,

THEREFORE, the Walla Walla County Board of Health does ordain that item "h" under the sub-section entitled "Permit" under section 1 be amended to read as follows:

"The fee shall be Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and shall accompany the application."

Effective date shall be January 1, 1979.

Dated at Walla Walla, Washington, this 12 day of Sept.

ATTEST:

out County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Roard

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla County, Washington and acting as the County Board of Health

IN WALLA WALLA CO. WASH.
BY Auditor

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C. LYNN SMITH AUDITOR

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 12, 1978 in the office of the Board at the County Courthouse in Walla Walla on the following proposed Ordinance Amendment:

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Dated at Walla Walla,
Washington August 15, 1978

C. Lynn Smith
Clerk of the Board
of County Commissioners
The Times
August 24, 1978

Proof of Publication

Case No. ____

County of Walla Walla				
Thomas C. Baker, being first duly sworn on oath,				
deposes and says: That he is the Publisher of The Times, a weekly newspaper which has been established, published in the English language, and circulated continuously as a weekly newspaper in the City of Waitsburg, and in said County and State, and of general circulation in said County for more than six (6) months prior to the date of the first publication of the Notice hereto attached.				
That said newspaper is the official newspaper of the City of Waitsburg and of the County of Walla Walla.				
That The Times was on the 14th day of June, 1955, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of said Walla Walla County and that the annexed is a true copy of a				
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and ending on theday of, 19 and that said newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during all of this period.				
That the full amount of $\frac{11.76}{}$ has been paid in full, at the rate of \$1.96 per column inch.				
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this				
24th day of August , 19 78				
Bettie L. Chase Notary Public in and for the State of Washington				

Residing at Waitsburg, Washington 99361

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Dated at Walla Walla, Washington August 15, 1978 C. Lynn Smith Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners The Times Publish August 24, 1978



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Mr. Milton S. (for) Hiche

thank you

Mr. Chairman

Members of the Commission

I am concerned about the precedent it may very well set if Mr. Hick's receives approval for his semi-public/commercial pool. Westbourne residents, purchasing homes in a Farm Residential-zoned area, were not aware of the fact that such a business as Mr. Hicks is proposing coule be located in the middle of our homes already developed. is to say what business will next be proposed and maybe approved. Mr. Hicks' is proposing a business that requires two acres. His property does not contain the required two acres where he proposes to build this business endeaver. He is asking that an exception to the rules be made. If you approve and pass his request and make this exception, what is to stop others from requesting additional exceptions to be approved, and rightfully so, if you approve this first one. Before long, we will not have a residential area, we will have other semi-public/commercial businesses surrounding and imposed upon our "country living" development. Isn't an area zoned and covenances written to protect and insure the homeowners purchasing a home in a development that such endeavers of business can not be conducted amoung residential homes? Particularly if exceptions must be made to qualify a business for that specific zoning? What good are zoning laws and covenances if someone can have exceptions made which will set a precedent for others requesting similiar items which are not in harmony with the way the area was originally intended and stated in covenances that wesgiven to individuals at the time of purchasing their homes in this development. I question why other semi-public/commercial businesses or commercial zoned businesses will not be established within our residential area once the precedent is set.

Thank you for considering my opposition.

Tharon Weyand 3279 Hanson hoop Rt6 Pasco, Washington Carrely CommissionERS

I would Like to State My opinion on M.R. M.L. Hicks request FOR A VARIANCE And Conditional USE PERmit FOR A SEMI Commercial Business.

It HAS NOT BEEN 10 YEARS, AND THE MAJORITY HAS NOT AGREED TO ANY CHANGE.

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NEIGHBORHOOD IN THAT IT IS OPENING THE
DOOR FOR OTHER SEMI/COMMERCIAL
BUSINESSES.

I Also State that this VENTURE is based on profit At the Expence of His neighbors.

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MEMBERS OF the WALLA WALLA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIBALERS;

THERE ARE TWO topics I would like to RAISE

IN REGARDS to MR. Hicks ARQUEST.

ON MAY 2, 1979, A group of Neighbors AND MYSELF ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, FOR A REGUEST OF VARIANCE AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT by Milton L. Hicks for A SEMI-PUBLIC/COMMERCIAL Pool.

At the beginning of the meeting, MR. Hicks SAID THERE Would be from 4 to 6 people using the pool facilities At A time. Before the MEETING WAS ONER, MR. PLANTA, Superintendent of Burbank schools, thought it would be A great IDEA! HE SAID THEY could bring children in by School bus To use the facilities, so they wouldn't have to go to Richland.

I HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS RUNNING THRU MY

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1. How much supervision will there be for a project such as this? Will it be adequate?

2. If the pool facilities are only large enough for 466 prople At A time, what ARE the other Children going to be doing, while they are waiting to use the facilities?

GENTLEMEN, I'm Not trying to begret OUR children swimming privileges, but I do feel there would be many more

Appropriate places in the Burbank ARRA for A Swimming facility, such As downtown Burbank, ON Commercial property Where it would be in its respective Place. THE ZONING IN WESTBOURNE ACRES AND large ANIMALS IN THE ARRA, EVERYONE KNOWS how children ARE ATTRACTED TO Animals such as these, AND there could be AN Accident, DECAUSE of the zoning. From what I know, this is to be

MR. Hick's business AND livelyhood. I fail to see how he can keep a facility Such as this on A smale scale basis AND PAY FOR THE PACILITY AND A NEW home on the premise.

I submit to you that This project of MR. Hicks, will be much larger AND MUCH MORE COMMERCIAL THAN What HE SAYS IT WIll be, if he RECIEVES his REQUEST.

My NEXT CONCERN IS IN REGARDS to docket # C-BOA- 79-13- Where Milton L. Hicks, REQUEST for VARIANCE, UNDER FINDING FACTS: ITEM # 4. IT
STATES THE VARIANCE, IF APPROVED,
WILL DE IN MARMONY WITH THE
GENERAL PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE ZONING RESOLUTION AND COMPREHENSIVE PIAN.

GENTLEMEN, OUR ZONING BRING
FARM-RESIDENTIAL IS THE MAIN REASON
for the majority of the families
moving to WESTBOURNE ACRES. If WE
WANTED to be NEAR COMMERCIAL facilities,
for CONVENIENCE SAKE, WE Would probably
be living in the Tri-Cities.

Some of us are driving 20 or 30 miles A day, which we do feel is quite inconvenient. But why dowe do it? We do it because we value our privacy. We don't want foot traffic in our area, strangers knocking at our doors, wanting to know where the semi-public/commercial pool is located.

GENTLEMEN, MY WIFE AND MYSELF HAVE WORKED VERY LONG AND VERY HARD to obtain OUR "DREAM HOME", WITH THE CONDITIONS OF BUYING IT, "BEING", THAT WE COULD BE IN QUIET SURROUNDINGS, PEACEFUL SETTINGS, AND HAVE CLOSE FRIEDS AND NEIGHBORS IN THE AREA.

GENTLEMEN, I submit to you that by Allowing MR. Hicks PROUEST, MY PERSONAL Rights ARE being infringED Upon.

HAUR YOU EUER looked up the definition of HARMONY IN WEBSTERS dictionary? HARMONY, ACCOURDING to WEBSTERS, is a Pleasing ARRANGEMENT of PARTS.

I fail to SEE how our farm-REsidential ZONING is PLASING with MR. Hicks SEMI-PUBLIC/COMMERCIAL POOL. It might be convieniant for MR. Hicks to have his business AND House ON The same property, but certainly NOT harmonious to our Envier DNMENT

IN WESTBOURNE ACRES.

Did you know WE have protective COURNANCE IN WESTBOURNE ACRES? LET ME READ A COUPLE of the M to YOU. ITEM#5 NUCIANSES: NO NOXIOUS OR OFFENSIVE Activity Shall be performed upon any lot, or shall anything be done thereon which may become AN ANNOYANCE OR NUCIANCE TO THE Nieghborhood, Item#10 Use Restrictions: THE OWNERS Shall USE Their RESPECTIVE propreties to their Enjoyment in such A MANNER SO AS NOT TO OFFEND OR DETRACT from other owners Enjoyment of their OWN RESPECTIVE PROPERTIES MR. Hicks KNEW of these conditions upon purchasing THE PROPERTY AND IS NOW TRYING TO GET them changed to suite his own NEEDS.

HAUR ANY of the members of this bOARD RULR DEEN to WESTBOURNE ACRES! WE have a quiet praceful community. THE GAME RESERVE BOARDERS OUR PROPERTIES, you CAN WAIK to the RIVER FROM THERE. AT PRESENT, WE HAVE A VERY CLEAN, QUIET, ORDERLY NEIGHBORHOOD, WITH FARM- RESIDENTIAL

ZONING, AND EVERYONE IN the nieghborhood is very happy with the conditions as they exist at the present time.

I Hope this board SEES fit to KEED OUR DIE ghoor hood the way it is now, AND PLEASE, try to put yourselves in our places when it comes time to yoth on this issue.

I would like to present these written statements before the board AND HAVE IT ENTERED ON Public RECORD.

Sincerely yours,

Lipidat Ron Drons 2848 Westbourne Loop Pasco, Wash. 99301 Irl#109

January 20, 1980 201 Newell Ave. Walla Walla, WA 99301

Walla Walla County Commissioners Courthouse Walla Walla, WA 99362

Dear Gentlemen,

Enclosed is a letter from Dr. Robert Carson, Assistant Professor of Geology at Whitman College concerning the report written by Mr. Randy Brown concerning the geology of the Burbank area and the request for Arlenes Addition for a variance.

At your hearing on December 3, 1979 I attempted to read the letter into the record. At that time I was allowed to read only part of the analysis by Dr. Carson. I was however asked by Mr. Kelly to submit Dr. Carson's report to you.

I have had the report typed so that you can read it more easily. I feel that the information contained casts a great deal of doubt on the accuracy of the statements you relied upon to justify your decision to tentatively authorize a variance to the septic tank ordinance. I understand that you have not yet taken final action on the variance request.

Six erely Yours,

Doug Morton

cc: County Health Dept.
County Planning Dept.
County Auditor

WALLA WALLA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH WALLA WALLA COUNTY Walla Walla, Washington 99362



RE: Request for Variance from Amendment to Ordinance #109 to the Walla Walla County Board of Health:

Following are facts pertinent to granting a Variance allowing septic tanks on Lots 1 and 9 of Block 1 and on Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Block 3 WESTBOURNE ACRES SUBDIVISION.

Westbourne Acres Subdivision is 2 to 3 miles from the problem high nitrate area. The Westbourne water table is 70 feet below the surface.

Westbourne includes 36 lots on 45 acres. There are eleven other homes on about 560 acres surrounding Westbourne Acres. Including 36 in Westbourne, a total of 47 septic tanks on 600 acres equals over 12 acres per septic tank. Four remaining lots are l acre each. Three are 1.5, 1.5, and 2.3 acres.

Westbourne is served by two wells in different aquifers. The 325 foot well in the aquifer below layers of basalt showed a 0.1 N mg/ml according to U.S. Testing Company from a sample taken after extensive pumping during testing of the well. Public Health Services found less than detectible (<.2 mg/l) NO, as N in a sample collected 6-27-79. That well is presently used as the primary supply because users prefer the soft water. The 100 foot well will be used more during irrigation season along with the 325 foot well, resulting in more mixing with the approximately 5 ppm nitrates in the 100 ft. well.

The above provides a basis for determining that Westbourne acres has negligible potential for endangering either its own water supply of the aquifer in the area from a health standpoint.

After the first moratorium on septic tank permits, at a meeting of the Commissioners, County Health Officer, County Attorney, Planner, myself and others, I was assured that septic tank permits would be issued for Westbourne Acres since the plat was complete. Thus I did not urge my builders to apply for permits until needed. Now 7 lots remain with roads completed per County specifications and a water system designed to be economically feasible for 36 lots, some of which will not be useable if 5 acres are required for a septic tank.

Covenants have been prepared to require future owners of the seven lots to connect to a sewer system when such system is available and required by governmental agencies. The original covenants provide for 10 foot easements for utilities along the border of all lots.

Respectfully, My Hicko H.G.HICKS

2611 So. Fruitland Kennewick, Wa. 99336

RESOLUTION NO. 80 061 **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In the matter of Final Approval Variance of Ordinance No. 109-Westbourne Acres Subdivision

BE IT RESOLVED that the Variance to Ordinance No. 109 be granted to Westbourne Acres Subdivision, Lots 1 & 9, Block 1, Lots 8,9, 10,11,12, Block 2.

(Copy attached for Official Record)

Done this 4th day of February,	19_80
Approved: Janes They we	20
County Health Officer	Gage V. Kelly
Attest: Change Vine	Chairman
County Auditor and ex officio Clerk of the Board.	1. COMPICE TANAMAN
	Commissioner
	Commissioner Commissioner

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla County, Washington.

Freise, Lohrmann & Makus

Lawyers



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200 Jones Building Post Office Box 946 Walla Walla Washington 99362 (509) 529-0630

Herbert H. Freise John W. Lohrmann Jerry M. Makus

October 10, 1979

Board of County Commissioners Walla Walla County Courthouse Walla Walla, WA 99362

RE: PROTEST OF PAYMENT OF 1979 PROPERTY TAXES PROTEST CONCERNING AMENDED ORDINANCE #109

Dear Members of the County Board of Commissioners,

Mrs. Agnes Brickey is a client of our firm, and she has asked us to address this letter to you on her behalf. The heart of her concern centers around your issuance of an amendment to ordinance #109, requiring a minimum of five acres for the issuance of a septic permit on several lots which she owns in the Sun Harbor area. Mrs. Brickey, and her husband, Lee J. Brickey, Sr., recently deceased, purchased various properties in the area many years ago for investment purposes. The effect of your amended resolution is to render as virtually unsaleable her holdings in Sun Harbor Estates.

During the last week of September, as part of our efforts to settle the estate of Lee Brickey, Sr., we made payments on behalf of Mrs. Brickey for property taxes that were due on her lots. She has asked us to approach you with a protest of that payment, in light of your action concerning Resolution 109. I trust that this letter on her behalf will suffice to bring that protest to your attention.

As I am sure you are aware, there are many people who were similarly affected by your passage of the amendment to Ordinance 109, and in various ways they are taking steps to approach you with requests for relief. Although Mrs. Brickey will cooperate with these people in their indeavors, she has also asked us to approach you individually and request that you reconsider the Ordinance, and take whatever steps are necessary to rescind it.

In 1962, the area in which Mrs. Brickey's lots lie was approved as a subdivision, and platted for such development.

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In the event that you are not willing to take as broad a measure as rescinding the entire Ordinance, she would request that you provide an exemption for the area which was approved for development as a subdivision. The anticipation on the part of the Brickey's that the approved subdivision would provide them with a market for their investment in the lots was a major concern to them. A move on your part to provide an exemption for the platted subdivision area would not run against the policy behind your passage of the amendment to Ordinance 109, and would certainly provide fair relief to Mrs. Brickey and other persons similarly situated. Should you be willing to pursue this matter further, please get in touch with me and I would be most willing to address your Board, either by letter or by appearance before you at one of your meetings with more details concerning such an exemption.

Looking forward to your cooperation in this matter and providing relief to Mrs. Brickey, I remain

Very truly yours,

FREISH, LOHRMANN & MAKUS

John P. Junke Legal Intern

JPJ/dkv

cc: Mrs. Agnes Brickey

In the matter of Final Declaration of Non Significance Burbank/Wallula vicinity

RESOLUTION NO.

79 276

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that an Amendment to Ordiance #109, requiring a minimum lot size of 5 acres for the installation of septic tanks in Burbank/Wallula vicinity (as per attached legal description), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this purposal has been determined to not have significant adverse impact upon the environment. An EIS is not required under RCW re.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review by the lead agency of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency.

Cline and Kelly voted Yes. Johnson voted No.

Done this 10th day of July 19 79

County Auditor and ex officio Clerk of the Board.

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Chairman

Commissioner

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Constituting the Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla County, Washington.

In the matter of a moritorium on septic tank permits in the critical water supply service area of Western Walla Walla County

RESOLUTION NO. 79 227

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla County Commissioners have set a hearing date to amend Ordinance No. 109 to set the minimum lot size of 5 acres for a septic tank,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health of Walla Walla County declare a moritorium effective May 29, 1979 on the issuance of septic tank permits in the critical water supply service area of Western Walla Walla County, until such time as final action is taken on amendment to Ordinance No. 109, hearing to be June 19th. 1979.

Done this 29thday of May , 1979

Attest: Chynn Smith

County Auditor and ex officio Clerk of the Board.

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla County, Washington.

IN THE MATTER OF FUTURE STUDY OF GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION IN WESTERN WALLA WALLA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO.

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WHEREAS, the Health Officer has recommended to the County Board of Health that further installation of septic tanks in Western Walla Walla County constitutes a potential health hazard, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have passed an amendment to Ordinance No. 109 limiting the future installation of septic tanks to lots of 5 acres or greater, and

WHEREAS, at a public hearing held on June 19, 1979, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services and the Washington State Department of Ecology have recommended that, in addition to immediate limitations on new sources of contaminates, that additional study and investigation is necessary to quantify the problem and identify the most practical solutions, and

WHEREAS, this area of Western Walla Walla County has been designated a Critical Water Service Supply Area pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Code of Washington, Section 70.116, and have initiated a planning process to cope with water quality problems as well as problems of coordination between systems, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla County will take the following action to insure that additional investigation of the problem of ground water contamination continues:

- 1. The County of Walla Walla, through the County Health Department, and with the cooperation of the Department of Social and Health Services will continue a program of regular monitoring of existing wells to establish a data base for evaluating the problem of ground water contamination over a longer time period.
- 2. The County of Walla Walla will apply for water supply funding from the Department of Social and Health Services to include a study of water quality problems to properly quantify the problem and identify the most practical

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 - solutions, as part of the Regional Water Plan being prepared for the area designated as a Critical Water Service Supply Area under the Public Water System Coordination Act.
- 3. The County of Walla Walla will make immediate application to the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Geologic Service for technical and financial assistance to conduct a comprehensive ground water impact study of the area.

Done this 16 day of July	_, 19 <u>7</u> 7 <u>7</u>
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Attest: hynn knnill	Chairman
County Auditor and ex officio Clerk of the Board.	Com 20 CV. X000.
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ORDINANCE NO. 109 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6. LYHN SMITH AUDITOR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 109, SECTION 1 TO INCREASE PERMIT FEES.

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PASSED by the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners this October day of

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ATTEST:

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ATTEST:

Clerk of Board

An Amendment to Minimum Lot Size Section of Walla Walla County Ordinance No. 109

AMENDMENT to County Ordinance No. 109

WHEREAS, Water samples taken by the Walla Walla County-City Health Department from public water supplies located in Western Walla Walla County have shown some high nitrate levels in the shallow aquifer with some tests showing nitrate drinking water concentration above the maximum federal and state limits of the (710) parts per million as nitrogen; and

WHEREAS, Officials from state and federal agencies responsible for programs and enforcement of the Federal Clean Drinking Water Act have expressed concern regarding the high nitrate concentrations in public water supplies in Western Walla Walla County; and

WHEREAS, Drinking water containing high nitrate levels may cause methemoglobinemia in infants below six months of age and thus may constitute a health hazard; and

WHEREAS, The experience of the Walla Walla County-City Health Department, together with studies conducted in Walla Walla County and elsewhere in Washington State have shown a strong relationship between increased urbanization and high nitrates, particularly when septic tanks and drainfields are used in certain soil types such as those found in Western Walla Walla County; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has designated Western Walla Walla County as a Critical Water Supply Service Area whose shallow aquifer should be protected from further degredation; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners acting as the Board of Health recognize that the continued development of the area under the present septic tank standards will only compound the nitrate problem; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners acting as the Board of Health have studied all available information and held a public hearing and listened to experts on both sides of the issue; and

WHEREAS, Even though the Board of County Commissioners recognize that there are other sources of nitrates such as agricultural chemicals and urban run-off, they can only directly control nitrate contributions to the unconfined aquifer by their ordinance powers to regulate septic tank densities as the Board of Health

An Amendment to Minimum Lot Size Section of Walla Walla County Ordinance No. 109 (Page Two)

AMENDMENT to County Ordinance No. 109

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has listened to expert testimony, studied all available information and technical reports, have determined that a minimum parcel size of five acres in the Critical Water Supply Service Area as the minimum septic tank density necessary to avoid dangerous nitrate concentrations.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Walla Walla County Board of Health does ordain that a new item shall be added under the section labeled minimum lot sizes and shall read as follows:

The minimum lot or parcel size required for the issuance of a septic tank permit in the area of Walla Walla County described below shall be five (5) acres. This shall not apply for the issuance of permits for replacement of on-site sewage disposal systems:

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Kelly and Cline voted Yes. Johnson voted No.

Done this 10th day of July

Attest: County Auditor and ex officio Clerk of the Board.

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Kelly and Cline voted Yes. Johnson voted No.

Done this Olh day of

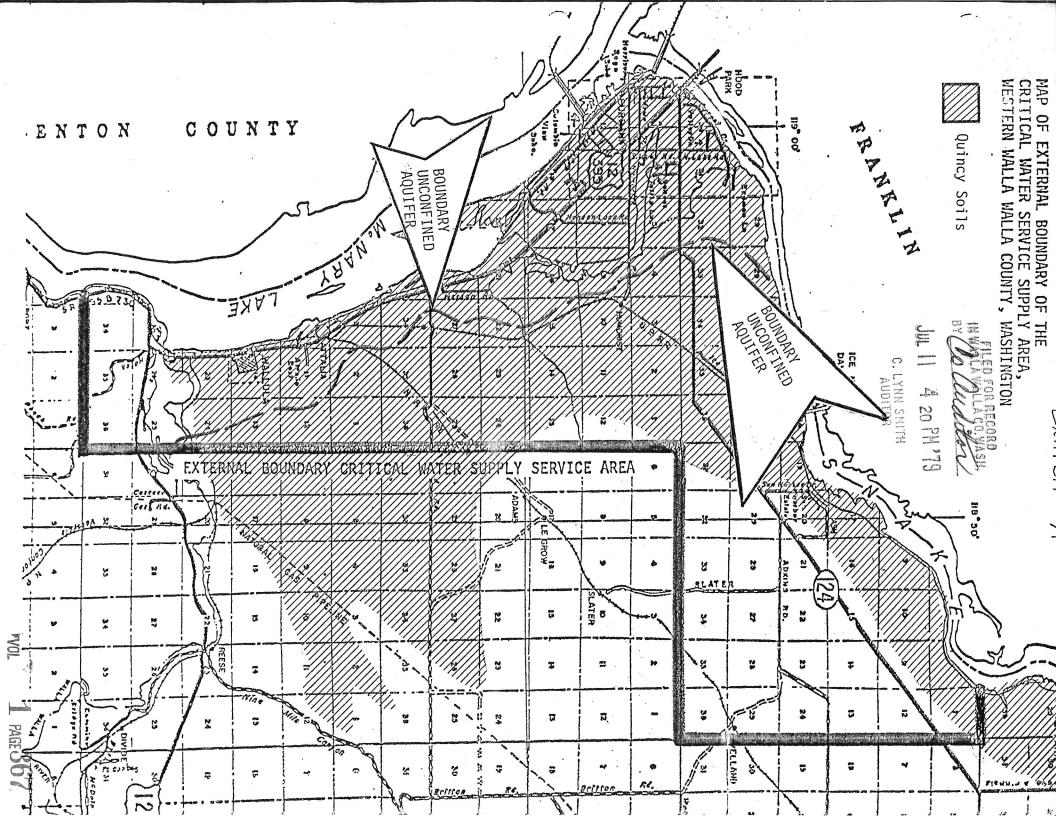
Attest: County Auditor and ex officio Clerk of the Board.

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla County, Washington.



NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Walla Walla Board of County Commissionerswill hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons Room at the Burbank High School on June 19th, 1979 on the following proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 109: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO

ORDINANCE NO. 109

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WHEREAS, the experience of the Walla Walla County-City Health Dept. together with studies conducted in Walla Walla County and elsewhere in Washington State have shown that as much as 65 percent of the nitrate contamination is attributed to the use of septic tanks and drainfields, and

WHEREAS, the R.C.W. 70.05.060 the Walla Walla County Board of Health has supervision over all matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the people in Walla Walla County and may enact local rules and regulations as are necessary to preserve, promote, and improve public health

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Proof of Publication

Case No
STATE OF WASHINGTON, County of Walla Walla
Thomas le. Baker, being first duly sworn on oath,
deposes and says: That he is the Publisher of The Times, a weekly newspaper which has been established, published in the English anguage, and circulated continuously as a weekly newspaper in the City of Waitsburg, and in said County and State, and of general circulation in said County for more than six (6) months prior to the date of the first publication of the Notice hereto attached.
That said newspaper is the official newspaper of the City of Waitsburg and of the County of Walla Walla.
That The Times was on the 14th day of June, 1955, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of said Walla Walla County and that the annexed is a true copy of a
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as it appeared in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper itself and not in a supplement thereof for a period consecutive weeks, Commencing on the day of
and ending on the
during all of this period. That the full amount of \$34,300 has been paid in full, at the rate of \$1.96 per column inch.
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this
Bettie L. Chare
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, Residing at Waitsburg, Washington 99361

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Clerk of the Board of County

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Robert J. Carson

Resumé

September, 1979

Born:

23 December 1941, Lexington, Virginia

Degrees:

A.B. Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY, 1963 (Major: geology; Minor: chemistry)

M.S. Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 1967 (stratigraphy and paleontology)

Ph.D. Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA, 1970 (geomorphology, Quaternary geology, photogeology)

Employment:

1978 to present: Chairman and Associate Professor, Whitman College Department of Geology, Walla Walla, WA 1972 to present: Geologist, Division of Geology and Earth Resources, Department of Natural Resources, Olympia, WA 1975 to 1978: Chairman and Assistant Professor, Whitman College Department of Geology, Walla Walla, WA 1975 (winter and spring terms): Visiting Associate Professor of Geology, Department of Geology, Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, OR 1974 (fall semester): Associate Professor of Geology, Department of Geosciences, North Carolina State Univ.. Raleigh, NC 1970 to 1974: Assistant Professor of Geology, Department of Geosciences, North Carolina State Univ., Raleigh, NC Assistant Professor of Geology, National Science Foundation Summer Institute for Earth Science Teachers, North Carolina State Univ., Raleigh, NC 1969 to 1970: Geologist, Department of Ecology, State of Washington, Olympia, WA 1967 to 1970: Teaching Assistant and Predoctoral Teaching Associate, Department of Geological Sciences, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA

1963-1967: Petroleum Geologist, Texaco, Inc., New Orleans, LA

Professional Organizations:

International Glaciological Society
Geological Society of America
American Quaternary Association
American Association for the Advancement of Science
Northwest Scientific Association (Board of Directors,
elected 1978)
Oregon Academy of Science
Sigma Xi
Society of Economic Paleontologists and Minerologists

- Comments by R. J. Carson, Geologist, * on:
 - "The Geological and Hydrological Conditions at Arlene's Addition, Burbank Heights" by R. E. Brown (17 Oct. 1979)
- Brown: "Arlene's Addition is underlain by sandy gravels of the Pasco gravels phase of the Hanford Formation to and below the water table."
- Carson: Sandy gravels are generally highly permeable. The water table is the top of the shallow aquifer, already known to have nitrate pollution. More septic tanks will allow more effluents to reach the shallow aquifer.
- Brown: "...vertical permeabilities are never higher than, and may be as low as 1/100 the lateral permeability."
- Carson: In other words, vertical permeabilities may be as high as lateral permeability. Such a case is most likely where there are coarse-grained sediments, such as the sandy gravels of the Pasco gravels. Only where there is an alternation of fine-grained (clayey/silty) sediments (low permeability) with coarse-grained (sandy/gravelly) sediments (high permeability) will lateral permeability greatly exceed vertical permeability. In Figure 2, Mr. Brown states that the detail of the Pasco gravels is "not determinable from well logs."
- Brown: "A complete analysis of the ground water flow system is however desired before unqualified statements can be made.
 ...Nitrate is considerably more mobile than most other ions in solution..."
- Carson: Therefore, let us not risk further pollution of the shallow aquifer, which supplies some high-yield wells.
- Brown: "The data however are inconclusive at best. An at least limited research effort is necessary to better identify the source and magnitude of the problem."
- Carson: The shallow aquifer has nitrate pollution from agriculture and/or septic tanks. The fact that it is polluted suggests that pollutants move vertically from fields and drainfields down to the water table.

^{*}Experience attached

- Comments by R. J. Carson, Geologist, * on:
 - "Request for Variance from Amendment to Ordinance #109 to the Walla Walla County Board of Health (24 Oct. 1979)
- Request: "...the aquifer underlying Arlene's Nos. 2 and 3 is not a shallow aquifer, but a rather deep one..."
- Carson: I suspect there are two aquifers there, a shallow unconfined aquifer believed to have nitrate pollution, and a deep aquifer.
- Request: "any permeability of water or other contaminants would be lateral and not vertical"
- Carson: This statement is virtually impossible and clearly ridiculous, and is not stated in Mr. Brown's report.

 Almost all sediments have some vertical permeability.

 The shallow aquifer's nitrate pollution is probably from man's activities near and at the earth's surface.
- Request: "...proper installation and operation of septic tanks in Arlene's Addition poses no realistic problem in regard to nitrate contamination."
- Carson: Although more septic tank effluent may not pollute the deep basalt aquifer, it will probably increase the nitrate levels in the shallow aquifer in the Pasco gravels.