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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

An ordinance relating to adoption of a moratorium on applications for subdivisions and short subdivisions in the Blalock Orchards Rural Transition zone.

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Walla Walla County Draft Comprehensive Plan 2001-2021, on May 15, 2001, pursuant to and consistent with the goals and requirements of the GMA; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board ("EWGMHB") issued a Final Decision and Order on May 1, 2002 holding that the Blalock Orchards Rural Transition designation in the Comprehensive Plan, as presently configured, does not comply with the Growth Management Act ("GMA"), and requiring that the County provide a schedule to come into compliance;

WHEREAS, the County submitted to the EWGMHB a schedule for compliance and is currently in the process of re-evaluating the Blalock Orchards Rural Transition designation;

WHEREAS, as a result of this process, the County may amend the land use designation and zoning for the Blalock Orchards Rural Transition area;

WHEREAS, allowing additional applications for subdivisions and short subdivisions to be filed and become vested under the current land use designation and zoning for the Blalock Orchards Rural Transition may result in a land use and development pattern inconsistent with any future amendments to the Blalock Orchards Rural Transition area adopted to comply with the EWGMHB Final Decision and Order and the GMA;

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.390 authorizes the County to adopt a moratorium and to do so without a public hearing provided that a public hearing is held within 60 days of adoption of the moratorium;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that a moratorium on the filing of subdivision applications in the Blalock Orchards Rural Transition zone is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and general welfare and that an emergency exists requiring immediate imposition of the moratorium;

NOW THEREFORE, the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners do hereby ordain as follows:



Section 1. Imposition of Moratorium. A moratorium is imposed on the filing of new applications for subdivisions and short subdivisions in the Blalock Orchards Rural Transition Area, as designated and depicted on Land Use Map 3 in the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Plan 2001-2002 and the Walla Walla County Zoning Map.

Section 2. Declaration of Emergency. The Board of County Commissioners finds that an emergency exists and that the moratorium is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and general welfare.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption for a period of six (6) months until and including May 18, 2003, unless repealed, extended or modified by the Board of County Commissioners.

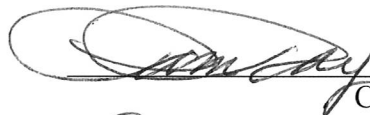
Section 4. Public Hearing. A public hearing on the moratorium adopted herein shall be held before the Board of County Commissioners within sixty (60) days of its adoption.

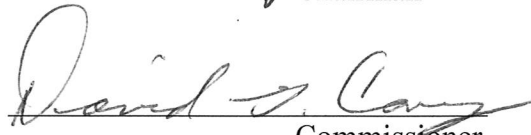
Section 5. Savings and Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

PASSED by the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners in regular session at Walla Walla, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested by its Clerk in authorization of such passage this 18th day of November, 2002.

2 YEA; 1 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and
0 ABSENT

BOARD OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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Commissioner

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