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**Ordinance No. 283**

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

An ordinance relating to the extension of the 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 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 Growth Management Act ("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, 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, the original moratorium was adopted on November 18, 2002 in order to protect the integrity of the Blalock Rural Transition zone as the County pursued compliance options related to the compliance order which was submitted to the Growth Management Hearings Board.

WHEREAS, a timely and properly advertised public hearing regarding said moratorium was held on January 13, 2003;

WHEREAS, after said public hearing and pursuant to motion and formal County resolution 03 014, the Board of County Commissioners approved the continuance of the moratorium as imposed until May 18, 2003;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds it necessary to adopt an emergency ordinance which extends the moratorium on subdivisions in the Blalock area; however, due to scheduling conflicts the Board is unable to hold a public hearing until May 28, 2003 on extension of the moratorium for another six-month period;



WHEREAS, due to the above circumstances, there will be a gap of time between the effective expiration date of Ordinance No. 277 and the establishment of an effective date for the extension of the moratorium;

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 Zone 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 an extension to the original 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 extension of the moratorium;

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

**Section 1. Imposition and Extension of Moratorium.** The original moratorium 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 2001-2021 and the Walla Walla County Zoning Map is hereby extended.

**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 and shall be effective until and including June 3, 2003, unless repealed, extended or modified by the Board of County Commissioners.

**Section 4. Public Hearing.** A public hearing on the extended 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 Commissioners in regular session at Walla Walla, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested by the Clerk of the Board in authorization of such passage this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003.

2 YEA; \_\_\_\_\_ NAY; \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN; and  
1 ABSENT

BOARD OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Clerk of the Board

