

Ordinance No. 285

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

An ordinance relating to the extension of a moratorium on applications for subdivisions and short subdivisions in the Blalock Rural Transition area.

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 Rural Transition designation in the Comprehensive Plan, as presently configured, does not comply with the GMA and requiring that the County provide a schedule to come into compliance; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the original moratorium (Ordinance #277) was adopted on November 18, 2002 in order to protect the integrity of the Blalock Rural Transition designation as the County pursued compliance options related to the compliance order which was submitted to the Growth Management Hearing's Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an interim extension to the ordinance (Ordinance #283) on May 13, 2003 which is effective until June 3, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners now finds it necessary to adopt an extension to the original and second ordinances which extends the moratorium on subdivisions in the Blalock Rural Transition area as the County completes the last phase of compliance; and

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 Rural Transition area may result in a land use and development pattern inconsistent with any future amendments to the Blalock Rural Transition designation adopted to comply with the EWGMHB Final Decision and Order and the GMA; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.390 authorizes the County to adopt an extension to a moratorium for a six month period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that an extension to the original moratorium on the filing of subdivision applications in the Blalock Rural Transition area 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 County Commissioners do hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Imposition and Extension of Moratorium. The original moratorium and second moratorium imposed on the filing of new applications for subdivisions and short subdivisions in the Blalock 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 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 November 28th, 2003, unless repealed, extended, or modified by the Board of County Commissioners.

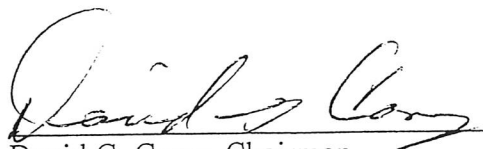
Section 4. Public Hearing. A public hearing on the extended moratorium adopted herein has been held.

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.

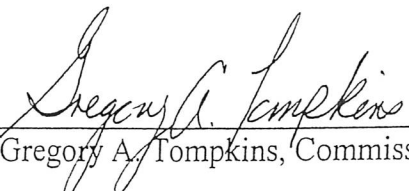
PASSED by the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners in regular session at Walla Walla, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested by its Clerk in authorization of such passage this 28th day of May, 2003.

Three (3) YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and
 0 ABSENT

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



David G. Carey, Chairman


Pam Ray, Commissioner



Gregory A. Tompkins, Commissioner

Attest:



Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

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RESOLUTION
TO ORDINANCES 277
AND 283 TO EXTEND
THE EFFECTIVE DATE
OF THE MORATORIUM
ON SUBDIVISIONS IN
THE BLALOCK AREA

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RESOLUTION NO. 03158

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Ordinance No. 277, a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for subdivisions and short subdivisions in the Blalock Rural Transition area was adopted, said moratorium to be in effect until May 18, 2003 unless repealed, extended, or modified by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2003 and pursuant to County Ordinance No. 283, an emergency extension of said moratorium was adopted, said extension effective until June 3, 2003; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board held a properly advertised public hearing on May 28, 2003 regarding the moratoriums as established pursuant to County Ordinance Nos. 277 and 283; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the County to extend said moratorium in order to further comply with the directives of the Growth Management Hearings Board and the compliance schedule submitted to said board; and

WHEREAS, the County will continue to engage in the final phase of the Blalock Planning process upon establishment of the extension of this moratorium; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that said moratorium, as imposed pursuant to County Ordinance No. 277 and extended pursuant to County Ordinance No. 283, shall remain in effect for six months from this date, or until November 28th, 2003.

Done this 28th day of May, 2003

Attest: Connie R Vinti

Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

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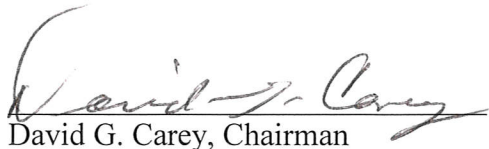
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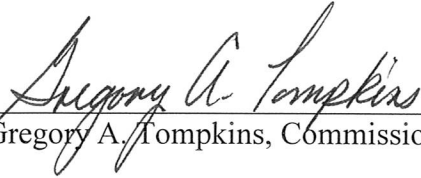

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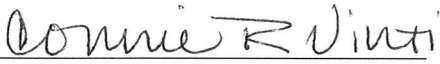
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