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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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ORDINANCE NO. 293

APPROVING A REQUEST BY WALLA WALLA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FOR A ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT TO WALLA WALLA COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 17.18.020 FOR AN EXEMPTION TO MINIMUM LOT SIZE FOR PUBLICLY OWNED QUARRIES/GRAVEL PITS AND STOCKPILE SITES

WHEREAS, application has been made by Walla Walla County Public Works Department to request a Zoning Code Text Amendment to Walla Walla County Code 17.18.020, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 3, 2003 to consider the request and recommends to the Board of County Commissioners that the Zoning Code Text Amendment be approved based on the following findings:

The Environmental Review Committee (ERC) has issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) on the proposal. The ERC has assessed the proposed amendment and has determined that the proposed amendment will not endanger the public health and safety or create negative impacts to surrounding properties.

This proposed amendment would allow public agencies and public service providers flexibility in the acquisition of public-owned properties and in the operation of public owned facilities by providing the option of purchasing rather than leasing such properties.

This amendment includes a provision stating that before a property is sold or the use of property changes, that the property will undergo a platting process, that takes into account the zoning at the time and public health, safety, and welfare rules and regulations.

This proposal fulfills the following goals and policies of the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Plan 2001-2021: Policy ED-6: Encourage resource-based industries, including agriculture and aggregate extraction, which are consistent with the adopted policies for Resource Lands. Goal RS-6: Maintain current quality of life for county residents, while maximizing the opportunity to make efficient use of resource lands and improve the economic base of the County. Goal RS-3: Protect and conserve long-term...mineral natural resource lands. Policy TR-8: Consider when and where appropriate the protection, acquisition and reservation of land in designed street corridors to implement adopted transportation plans.

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on February 24, 2004 for the purpose of receiving testimony for and/or against said request now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners that the uphold the Planning Commission and approve the zoning code text amendment, Docket Number ZCA 03-02, based on the findings above. The amendment reads as follows:



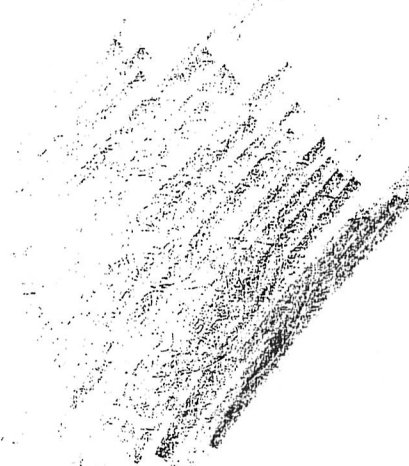
Zoning Code Text Amendment

Exemption to Minimum Lot Size for Publicly-owned Quarries/Gravel Pits

Section 17.18.020 (13)

The minimum parcel size requirement shall not apply to the creation of parcels for use as publicly owned quarries, material stockpiling, rock crushing, road construction, road maintenance and mining equipment storage within the Exclusive Agriculture, Primary Agriculture, General Agriculture, Rural Remote 40 acre, Rural Remote 20 acre, Rural Agriculture 10 acre and Rural Agriculture 5 zoning districts. A note will be placed on the face of the recorded land division instrument (e.g. short plat, subdivision, etc) stating that the site is not a buildable parcel for residential or commercial purposes.

Approved this 24 Day of Feb, 2004



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