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

ORDINANCE NO. 352

**ADOPTING THE 2007 WALLA WALLA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH
TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENTS (7-YEAR UPDATE)**

WHEREAS, the County is required to update the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Plan in accordance with RCW 36.70A.130; and

WHEREAS, the County included a new Parks and Recreation Element in its Comprehensive Plan in accordance with RCW 36.70A.070 relating to mandatory elements; and

WHEREAS, the County established a website specifically for the update of the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Plan to inform the public of progress on the update of the plan and opportunities for public involvement and comment; and

WHEREAS, the County Comprehensive Plan website went “live” on April 3, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla Union Bulletin newspaper ran an article on April 15th about the County accepting applications for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla Union Bulletin newspaper ran an article on April 25th entitled “County Kicks Off 2007 Comprehensive Plan Public Process”; and

WHEREAS, the County held a series of public workshops on the vision for the County and on the Comprehensive Plan at locations around the county as follows: Touchet on May 21st; Walla Walla County Fairgrounds on May 22nd; Burbank on May 29th, Walla Walla County Fairgrounds on May 30th; and Waitsburg on June 5th; and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Determination of Significance and EIS Scoping Notice on May 3, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the comment period for the Determination of Significance and EIS Scoping Notice closed on June 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the County received no comments on the Determination of Significance and EIS Scoping Notice; and



WHEREAS, the County placed notices in local newspapers and on the Comprehensive Plan website on April 24, 2007 of the opening of the application period for non-county amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the application period for non-county amendments to the Comprehensive Plan closed on June 15, 2007, and the County received six amendment applications;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and the County Planning Commission held a joint workshop meeting open to the public on the six non-county amendment applications on June 27, 2007;

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission held a preliminary docket public hearing on the six non-county amendment applications and made recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on July 10, 2007;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held a public meeting to consider the recommendations of the County Planning Commission on the six non-county amendment applications and to establish the final docket for non-county amendments on July 30, 2007;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners in Resolution 07-187 on May 29, 2007 appointed a 7-member Ad Hoc Economic Development citizens committee to assist County staff and consultants in updating the Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Economic Development citizens committee held workshop meetings open to the public on June 4, 2007 and July 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2007, an Integrated Draft Comprehensive Plan/ Draft Environmental Impact Statement document was issued and circulated in accordance with state law, and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2007, the County sent notice to the Washington State Department of Trade and Economic Development and other required state agencies of their intent to adopt amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations and of the commencement of the 60-day comment period as required by RCW 36.70A.106; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2007, the County sent copies of the Integrated Draft Comprehensive Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement to the Washington State Department of Trade and Economic Development and other state agencies as required by RCW 36.70A.106; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development held public outreach meetings on the Draft Comprehensive Plan and non-county amendments in Walla Walla and Burbank on October 16, 2007 and October 23, 2007, respectively; and



WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and County Planning Commission held joint workshop meetings open to the public on the Draft Comprehensive Plan and non-county amendments on October 17 and 24, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2007 County staff and consultants forwarded to the County Planning Commission their analysis and proposed revisions to the Draft County Comprehensive Plan and development regulations they concluded were necessary for consistency with the requirements of RCW 36.70A.

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission reviewed the analysis and proposed revisions prepared by County staff and consultants and held a public hearing on November 7, 2007 for the purposes of receiving testimony on the recommended revisions to the Draft 2007 Comprehensive Plan and development regulations; and

WHEREAS, based on its review of the analysis and proposed revisions prepared by County staff and consultants and the public comments on the proposed revisions, the County Planning Commission modified the proposed revisions and forwarded recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on November 7, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the 60-day comment period on the integrated Draft Comprehensive Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement closed on November 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the County received 21 written comments during the 60-day comment period;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on December 3, 2007, for the purpose of receiving testimony on the Draft Comprehensive Plan text and maps including non-county amendments and to consider the recommendations of the County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2007, a Final Environmental Statement was approved by the SEPA Responsible Official; and

WHEREAS, the Final Environmental Statement analyzed and addressed the impacts and alternatives to the proposed update to the Comprehensive Plan text, maps and appendices

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners that:

Section 1. Comprehensive Plan Adoption.

A. Based on its review of the requirements of RCW 36.70A, the analysis and proposed revisions prepared by County staff and consultants, the recommended proposed revisions forwarded by the County Planning Commission, and the public comments received, the Board of County Commissioners modified the proposed revisions to more fully comply with RCW 36.70A and hereby declares that the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Plan and development regulations as revised by this ordinance comply with the requirements of RCW 36.70A.130.



B. The 2007 Comprehensive Plan is **adopted** as presented to the Board of County Commissioners on this date. Master copies of the Comprehensive Plan shall be retained by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and by the Director of Community Development.

Section 2. Effective Date and Savings. This ordinance is effective on December 21, 2007. Any previous ordinance amended by this Ordinance shall remain in force and effect until the effective date of this ordinance.

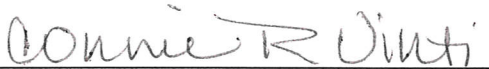
Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

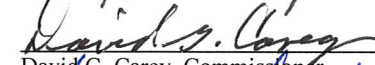
Section 4. Publication. This ordinance will be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

PASSED by the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners in regular session at Walla Walla, Washington, then signed by its membership and attested by its Clerk in authorization of such passage this 17th day of December, 2007.

Approved this 17th day of December, 2007

Attest:



Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board


Gregg C. Loney, Chairman

David G. Carey, Commissioner

Gregory A. Tompkins, Commissioner

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

Approved as to form


Jesse D. Nolte
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney



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