

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

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING A  
DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO  
CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO  
WALLA WALLA COUNTY CODE  
RELATED TO RECREATIONAL  
MARIJUANA PRODUCTION,  
PROCESSING, WAREHOUSING,  
STORAGE, PACKING AND RETAIL  
SALES FACILITIES



RESOLUTION NO. **14 186**

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 the voters of the State of Washington approved Initiative 502 (I-502), which allows the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) to license marijuana producers "to produce marijuana for sale at wholesale to marijuana processors and other marijuana producers" (I-502, Sec. 4(1)); and

**WHEREAS**, I-502 allows the WSLCB to license marijuana processors to "process, package and label usable marijuana and marijuana-infused products for sale at wholesale to marijuana retailers" (I-502, Sec. 4(2)); and

**WHEREAS**, I-502 allows the WSLCB to license marijuana retailers to "sell usable marijuana and marijuana-infused products at retail in retail outlets" (I-502, Sec. 4(3)); and

**WHEREAS**, Walla Walla County enacted Ordinance 415 on September 16, 2013, which Ordinance placed a moratorium on the acceptance or issuance of project permits for recreational marijuana producers, processors and retailers (Section II, B, 1-3); and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 415 enacted interim zoning that stated that marijuana production, marijuana processing and marijuana retailing shall not be considered permitted or allowed uses in unincorporated Walla Walla County during the pendency of the Ordinance (Section II, B, 4); and

**WHEREAS**, the County has continued to move forward with the consideration of possible permanent zoning regulations regarding recreational marijuana uses, utilizing the services of the firm of Stalzer and Associates; and

**WHEREAS**, Stalzer and Associates prepared proposed code amendments that were reviewed by the County Planning Commission at workshop held on May 7, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held before the County Planning Commission on June 4, 2014, and that body adopted recommendations to be made to the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners regarding possible code amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendations and other information regarding land use regulations/zoning for production, processing, and retail marketing of recreational marijuana relative to I 502 in a public workshop held July 29, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to hold a public hearing to consider amendments to Walla Walla County Code; now therefore

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that a public hearing to receive public testimony regarding proposed amendments to Walla Walla County Code regarding recreational marijuana uses. The following options will be discussed:

1. The Planning Commission's recommendation to allow recreational marijuana production, processing, warehousing, storage, packing and retail sales facilities as conditional uses in the Heavy Industrial zone subject to Washington State Liquor Control Board approval and a 1,000 foot setback from urban single family and multi-family zoned properties. The Board may consider modifying the setback requirements to less than 1,000 feet from urban single family and multi-family zoned properties.
2. Allowing recreational marijuana production, processing, warehousing, storage, packing and retail sales facilities as conditional uses in the Light Industrial zone subject to Washington State Liquor Control Board approval and a possible buffer of up to a 1,000 foot setback from urban single family and multi-family zoned properties. This option was reviewed by the Planning Commission but not recommended.
3. Consideration of an outright ban based on zoning principles. This option was set forth in the "Principles for Recreational Marijuana Regulations" adopted by the Board before the matter was referred to the Planning Commission. As noted in that document, such a ban would be considered by the Board after receiving the Planning Commission's Recommendation.
4. Consideration of a prohibition on recreational marijuana land uses until the uses are allowed by Federal Law. This option was set forth in the "Principles for Recreational Marijuana Regulations" adopted by the Board before the matter was referred to the Planning Commission. As noted in that document, such a prohibition would be considered by the Board after receiving the Planning Commission's Recommendation.
5. Extension of the current Moratorium, which expires September 15, 2014, This may be necessary, if, as a result of discussion of the above options, additional staff work, analysis, environmental reviews or public hearings are deemed necessary.

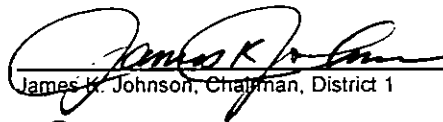
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the hearing on the above items shall be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Chambers, Walla Walla County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 West Main, Walla Walla, Washington and the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners shall proceed with advertising the hearing as prescribed.

"Passed this 18th day of August, 2014 by Board members as follows: 3 Present or 0 Participating via other means, and by the following vote: 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained 0 Absent."

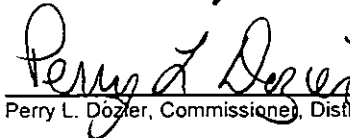
Attest:



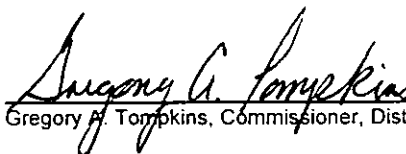
Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board



James H. Johnson, Chairman, District 1



Perry L. Dozier, Commissioner, District 2



Gregory A. Tompkins, Commissioner, District 3

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