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

ORDINANCE NO. 411

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WALLA WALLA COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 9.04, RELATED TO UNLAWFUL COMMUNICATION OR ATTEMPTED COMMUNICATION WITH JAIL INMATES.

Whereas, the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office has reviewed Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 9.04; and

Whereas, the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office has recognized an increased number of persons communicating or attempting to communicate with Walla Walla County Jail Inmates through non-verbal communication in the vicinity outside of the County Jail; and

Whereas, such non-verbal communication between inmates and individuals outside of the jail poses a potential threat to the institutional security and preservation of internal order and discipline of the Jail;

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section I. The Board of County Commissioners Makes the Following Findings of Fact:

1. The Sheriff's Office has noted a number of individuals attempting to communicate by sign language outside of the jail.
2. This type of communication can lead to fights among inmates jeopardizing security to the jail facility and staff.
3. The changes to WWCC Chapter 9.04 are necessary to ensure the institutional security of the jail.
4. Notices of a Public Hearing were published in the Waitsburg Times on April 12th and 19th, 2012.
5. The Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on April 30th, 2012 for the purpose of receiving testimony on the proposed revisions.



Section II. The Board of County Commissioners Makes the Following Conclusions of Law:

1. The County has reviewed and evaluated comments received from the public.
2. The changes to Chapter 9.04 are necessary to ensure the institutional security of the jail.

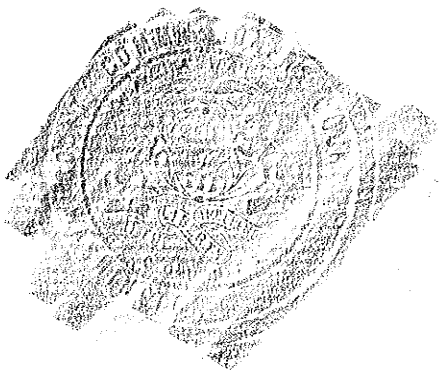
Section III. Amendments to Walla Walla County Code Chapter 9.04. The amendments to Walla Walla County Code Chapter 9.04 are **adopted** as presented to the Board of County Commissioners on this date as attached in Exhibit A.

Section IV. Effective Date and Savings. This ordinance is effective as of the date of signing.

Section V. 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 VI. 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 30th day of April, 2012.

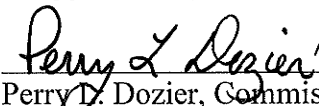




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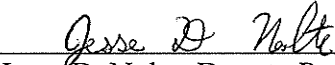
Constituting the Board of County Commissioners
of Walla Walla County, Washington

Attest:



Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:



Jesse D. Nolte, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney



Exhibit A

CHAPTER 9.04 - UNLAWFUL COMMUNICATION WITH PRISONERS AND DETAINEES

9.04.010 - Communicating or bringing articles to juveniles in juvenile detention prohibited.

9.04.020 - Communicating from outside jail prohibited.

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Every person who, not being authorized by law or by any officer or by any employee of the Walla Walla County juvenile probation department authorized thereto, has any communication with any juvenile in juvenile detention, or brings into or conveys out of the same any writing, clothing, food, tobacco or any article whatsoever, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 79, 1970)

9.04.020 - Communicating from outside jail prohibited.

A. It is unlawful for any person not authorized by law or granted permission by a jail official to have any verbal communicate or attempt to communicate verbally, by sign, by sign language, by code or any other form in or from within a 200 foot perimeter outside the Walla Walla County jail with any person being detained inside the jail. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the mailing or dropping off of any otherwise lawful written communication.

B. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 132 §§ 1, 2, 1977)

