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

**ORDINANCE NO. 423**

**ADOPTING A REQUEST BY WALLA WALLA COUNTY TO AMEND THE PERMITTED USES TABLE IN CHAPTER 17.16 OF THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY CODE, ALLOWING LIBRARIES AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE RURAL RESIDENTIAL 2 ZONE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Growth Management Act requires that the County take legislative action to review and revise, if necessary, its comprehensive land use plan to ensure that it complies with the requirements of the Growth Management Act, as described in RCW 36.70A.130; and

**WHEREAS**, the Growth Management Act requires that updates, amendments, or revisions to the Comprehensive Plan may not be considered more frequently than once a year except for certain limited circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.70A.470 requires that the County include a procedure that for any interested person to suggest amendments to the Comprehensive Plan or development regulations, and that the amendments must be docketed and considered on at least an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Walla Walla County Code 14.15.030, the Board of County Commissioners may amend development regulations more often than once a year, outside of the docketing process, as determined by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners to be in the long term interests of the County.

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2013 the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 13-271, which authorized County planning consultant Bill Stalzer to draft regulations and apply to the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency for a County sponsored zoning code text amendment permitting libraries in the Rural Residential 2 zone.

**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. Bill Stalzer, on behalf of Walla Walla County, applied for the code amendment to the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency on November 8, 2013.
2. On November 14, 2013, Notice of an Informational Public Meeting, workshop and Public Hearing were published in the Waitsburg Times, Tri-City Herald and Walla Walla Union-Bulletin.

3. On December 2, 2013, the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency issued a SEPA determination of non-significance. No appeal was filed.
4. On December 3, 2013, the State Department of Commerce granted expedited review.
5. On December 4, 2013 an Informational Public Meeting was held, but the Planning Commission did not hold a Public Hearing, as there was a lack of a quorum.
6. On December 19, 2013 a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Waitsburg Times, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin and Tri-City Herald.
7. On January 8, 2014, the Planning Commission held a public hearing. Speakers at the hearing were in support of the amendment.
8. On January 13, 2014, the Planning Commission issued Resolution 14-01, recommending approval of the proposed amendment.
9. On January 16, 2014 a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Waitsburg Times, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin and Tri-City Herald.
10. The Board of County Commissioners held a Public Hearing on January 27, 2014.
11. The proposed amendment would allow libraries as a permitted use in the RR-2 zone, which is located in the Burbank Rural Activity Center.
12. The proposed amendment will allow the existing library in the Burbank area to expand in order to better serve the area.

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

1. The proposed amendment is in compliance with Walla Walla County Code Sections 14.15.070(B)(3).
2. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Plan.
3. As proposed, the amendment will not have a significant adverse impact on public welfare and safety.
4. The proposed amendments are in compliance with RCW 36.70A, RCW 36.70B and the Washington Administrative Code.

**Section III. Adoption of the amendment to Chapter 17.16.**

Based on its review of the requirements of RCW 36.70A, the proposed amendment and memorandums prepared by Bill Stalzer, staff analysis and the recommendation proposed by the Planning Commission, the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the following proposed amendment to Walla Walla County Code Chapter 17.16:

Libraries shall be shown as a permitted use within the RR-2 zone on the Permitted Uses Table, as shown on the attached Exhibit A.

**Section IV. Effective Date and Savings.**

This Ordinance is effective upon signing.

**Section V. 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 VI. 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

Attest:

Connie R Vinti  
Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

James K Johnson  
James K. Johnson, Chairman, District 1

Perry L Dozier  
Perry L. Dozier, Commissioner, District 2

Gregory A. Tompkins  
Gregory A. Tompkins, Commissioner, District 3

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



Approved as to form

Jesse D Nolte  
Jesse D. Nolte, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

## Exhibit A

	Zone																		
	Resource				Rural								Urban Residential				Misc.		
	PA-40	EA-120	GA-20	AR-10	RR-40	RR-20	RA-10	RA-5	RRMC-5	RR-2	RR-5	R-96	R-72	R-60	RM	RD-R	RD-CI	RFC	RAC
Specific Use																			
Libraries										P					P			AC	P3

