

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

ORDINANCE NO. 367

APPROVING A REQUEST BY MIKE WHITE FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR WEDDING AND EVENT CENTERS AND RESULTING IN AMENDMENTS OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 17.16 (PERMITTED USES).

WHEREAS, application has been made by Mike White to amend Walla Walla County Code Chapter 17.16 to permit wedding and event centers as a conditional use in the Rural Residential 2 (RR-2) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2008 a Determination of Non-Significance [DNS (File No. EA 2008-023)] was issued by the County in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2008 a review of the draft modifications was requested by the County from various state agencies including the State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, the State Department of Health, and the Department of Ecology; and

WHEREAS, draft modifications were sent to local agencies for review and comment, including the County Public Works Department, the County Health Department, local fire departments, and local school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and the Planning Commission held workshops on the proposed changes to Walla Walla County Code Chapter 17.16; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 8, 2008 for the purposes of receiving testimony and to consider the request; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended that the revisions to Chapter 17.16 be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on October 27, 2008, for the purpose of receiving testimony and to consider the request; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was published on October 16, 2008 in the Tri-City Herald, Waitsburg Times and Walla Walla Union Bulletin.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that allowing wedding and event centers by conditional use permit will support the local economy and the community, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

Findings of Fact.

1. The proposal meets a definable public need.
2. The defined need conforms to policy directives of the comprehensive plan and countywide planning policies.
3. The proposal does not require amendment of current policies in other areas of the comprehensive plan.

Conclusions of Law:

1. The proposed amendments constitute good planning and development regulations.
2. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Plan.
3. As proposed, the amendments will not have a significant adverse influence on public welfare and safety.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners that they uphold the Planning Commission recommendation and approve the zoning code text amendments, amending Ordinances 269 as follows.

Section 1. Amendment to Walla Walla County Code Chapter 17.16

Chapter 17.16 of the Walla Walla County Code is amended as follows:

17.16.014 Permitted Uses Table

Government/General Services Land Uses

Key
P = Permitted use
C = Conditional use permit required
AC = Administrative conditional use permit required
* = Definition of this specific land use see Chapter 17.08
PA = Primary Agriculture
EA = Exclusive Agriculture
GA = General Agriculture-20
AR = Agriculture Residential-10
RR = Rural Remote
RA = Rural Agriculture
RMC = Residential Mill Creek
RR = Rural Residential
RT = Rural Transition
RAC = Rural Activity Center

	Zone												
	Resource						Rural						
	PA-40	EA-120	GA-20	AR-10	RR-40	RR-20	RA-10	RA-5	RMC-5	RR-2	RR-5	RT-1/2	RAC
SPECIFIC USE													
* Wedding and Event Center									C	C			

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 3. Savings and 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 27th day of October, 2008.

Approved this 27th Day of October, 2008

David G. Carey
David G. Carey, Chairman

Gregg C. Loney
Gregg C. Loney, Commissioner

Gregory A. Tompkins
Gregory A. Tompkins, Commissioner

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

Attest:

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

Approved as to form:

Jesse D. Nolte
Jesse D. Nolte, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney