

**WENATCHEE PLANNING COMMISSION
SCHEDULED MEETING
March 18, 2020
WENATCHEE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor
Wenatchee, WA 98801**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

II. ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

- A. Approval of the minutes from the last regular meeting(s) on January 15, 2020 and February 19, 2020.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments for any matters not included on the agenda.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public hearing: Public assembly uses – code amendments
- B. Discussion: Housing code revisions

VI. OTHER

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Mayor's office at (509) 888-6204 (TTY 711). Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title 1.)

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rani Sampson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Ace Bollinger, Joe Gamboni, Susan Albert, Richard Erickson, and Josh Jorgensen.

City Planning staff was represented by: Glen DeVries, Community Development Director; Stephen Neuenschwander, Planning Manager; Matt Parsons, Senior Planner; and Kim Schooley, Administrative Assistant.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting on December 11, 2019.

Commissioner Albert moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 11, 2019. Commissioner Jorgensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jim Bailey, 844 Kittitas, Wenatchee, WA. Bailey complimented and expressed gratitude to Commission members for their service and hard work on difficult projects this past year, including the recent Housing Code Update and Sign Code amendments. As a Wenatchee City Council member, Bailey said that he felt he could speak on behalf of the entire Council in saying that the work of the Planning Commission as an advisory body was valued and appreciated.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission Applicant Interview

Commissioners interviewed Lael Isola.

Commissioners discussed Isola's application.

Commissioner Erickson moved to forward to Council a recommendation to appoint Lael Isola to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Bollinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Staff advised that since Isola had only recently become a resident of the City of Wenatchee following Council's approval of Ordinance 2020-02 which annexed her property into the City. Isola's appointment, if approved by Council, would have to wait until the legal effective date of the annexation sometime in March.

B. Workshop: Interim control on places of assembly and outdoor amplification

Stephen Neuenschwander, Planning Manager, and Matt Parsons, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Staff advised that an open house would be scheduled in February followed by another workshop at Commissioners regular meeting in February. A public hearing on the matter would then be scheduled for the Planning Commission’s regular meeting in March.

Commissioners asked questions of staff.

Chair Sampson asked if the public had comments.

The following individuals provided comment to Commissioners for their consideration during the workshop.

- Katherine Keagle, 2904 Alvista Place, Wenatchee, WA
- Russ Keagle, 2904 Alvista Place, Wenatchee, WA
- Chris Davis, 313 W. Peters Street, Wenatchee, WA
- Kirk Hudson, 1437 Somerset Drive, Wenatchee, WA
- Tamra Hively, 2930 Alvista Place, Wenatchee, WA
- Wendy LeSesne, 217 W. Peters Street, Wenatchee, WA

Commissioners asked staff to email information from other municipalities in the state regarding their guidelines and administration of outdoor amplification and noise ordinances for their review.

VI. OTHER

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Planning Commission, Chair Rani Sampson adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF WENATCHEE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Kim Schooley, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rani Sampson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Joe Gamboni and Richard Erickson. Commissioners Ace Bollinger, Susan Albert, and Josh Jorgensen were absent.

City Planning staff was represented by: Glen DeVries, Community Development Director; Stephen Neuenschwander, Planning Manager; and Matt Parsons, Senior Planner.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting on January 15, 2020.

As there was not a quorum present, Commissioners agreed to postpone approval of the minutes until the next regular meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Workshop: Interim control on places of assembly and outdoor amplification

Staff discussed additional comment received and alternatives regarding places of assembly and outdoor amplification considered since the last regular meeting in January.

B. Discussion: Draft 2020 Work Plan overview

Staff provided an outline of the 2020 work plan for the Planning Commission.

VI. OTHER

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Planning Commission, Chair Rani Sampson adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF WENATCHEE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Kim Schooley, Administrative Assistant

DRAFT

TO: City of Wenatchee Planning Commission
FROM: City of Wenatchee Community Development Staff
DATE: March 11, 2020
RE: Staff Report: public assembly uses code amendments

I. REQUESTED ACTIONS

Conduct a public hearing and formulate a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed amendments to the Wenatchee City Code (WCC) attached as Exhibit A including amendments to Chapters 10.08 Definitions, 10.10 District Use Chart, 10.60 Off-Street Parking, 10.32 Waterfront Mixed Use (WMU) District, and 10.65 Conditional Uses relating to public assembly land uses and their associated standards.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City of Wenatchee has determined the proposed amendments to the Wenatchee City Code (WCC) will not have probable significant adverse impacts on the environment. The City of Wenatchee has issued a determination of non-significance (DNS). Notice of the environmental determination for the proposed amendments to the Wenatchee City Code was made on February 24, 2020.

III. PUBLIC PROCESS

The City has engaged in an open and ongoing public process to gather information and comment from the public, interested parties, reviewing and commenting public agencies, the planning commission, and the City Council. The public process included:

- A website devoted to this code update process that included a meeting schedule, links to meeting agenda packets, the draft materials once they became available, and additional information about the process;
- Correspondence with interested parties
- Workshops with the planning commission on May 15, 2019, December 11, 2019, January 15, 2020, and February 19, 2020.
- Workshop with the city council on November 21, 2019.
- Notification on February 24, 2020 of proposed code amendments, official comment period, environmental threshold determination, and notice of public hearings including legal ad in the Wenatchee World, email to agencies and tribes with jurisdiction including the SEPA register (SEPA contact list), email to interested parties, and update to project webpage.

The two upcoming meetings include:

- Public hearing with the planning commission on March 18, 2020
- Public hearing with the city council on March 26, 2020

IV. AGENCY AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

All public comments received by the city are included as Exhibit B.

V. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOALS AND POLICIES

The Wenatchee Urban Area Plan, Planning to Blossom 2037, is a planning and visioning document to ensure that growth and development in the urban area is consistent with the goals of the Washington State Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A) and done in an orderly and efficient pattern. The plan has been revised and updated to reflect the growth of the community, the development patterns, and the changing environment. The following goals and policies are from the plan and provide some context and guidance for this code update:

1. Land Use Element – Goal 12 Policy 6 - New non-residential development in existing residential neighborhoods should be designed (landscaping and building design) and operated (traffic, noise, lighting, hours) to be compatible with the existing neighborhood. Compatibility for design can take the form of guidelines which objectively define a range of acceptable neighborhood non-residential building types and architectural details.
2. Land Use Element – Goal 15 Policy 4 - New non-residential development in existing residential neighborhoods should be designed (landscaping and building design) and operated (traffic, noise, lighting, hours) to be compatible with the existing neighborhood.
3. Cultural and Historic Resources Element Goal 4 Policy 1 - Recruit and support facilities that provide places for cultural and civic dialogue.
4. Cultural and Historic Resources Element Goal 5 Policy 4 - Enhance the presence of the performing, visual and creative arts.

VI. PROJECT ANALYSIS

On February 28, 2019, the Wenatchee City Council approved Ordinance 2019-13 instituting a 12-month interim control, which included a moratorium on new “Auditoriums and places of assembly” and “Neighborhood Center” and the addition of a standard in 10.65.080 banning the use of outdoor sound amplification for new or existing facilities when located in residential zoning districts. The ban on outdoor sound amplification was applicable to “Auditoriums/places of public assembly, and places of worship.” The impetus for instituting this interim control was a proposed development in a residential zoning district that may have included an indoor/outdoor event center and concert venue, which likely would have been considered a “Place of Assembly” in the land use code, which is a conditional use in the particular zoning district where the development was proposed. Another situation that contributed to the interim control is that a place of worship held an outdoor event with amplified sound in a residential zoning district. The City Council felt that an interim control was necessary to prevent potentially incompatible land uses from establishing in residential areas.

Over the course of the public review process, the proposed set of code amendments have evolved as staff and the planning commission worked through the issues. The current set of recommendations are limited to the removal of the land use category “Place of Assembly”, associated revisions in response to that revision, and other amendments that are necessary in the affected code sections.

10.08 Definitions

Staff is recommending that the “Place of Assembly” land use category be removed because, as defined, it is too vague and subsequently creates a lot of ambiguity in the code surrounding a certain range of land uses. Instead, staff is proposing three new land use categories that fill in gaps created by the removal of “Place of Assembly”. Uses that would otherwise fit in this category will instead fall into either one of the three new categories or several existing uses such as auditorium or neighborhood center. Staff believes it has adequately addressed the range of land uses that are currently encompassed in the definition of “Place of Assembly”.

The three new land use categories include “Convention Center”, “Sports and Entertainment Venue”, and “Transportation Center”. The “Transportation Center” is intended to replace the “...awaiting transportation” component of the “Place of Assembly” definition. The “Convention Center” and “Sports and Entertainment Venue” definitions are intended to fill in gaps that would be created when “Place of Assembly” is removed. Generally, most of the smaller scale uses currently fitting in the “Place of Assembly” category will easily fit within categories like “neighborhood center” and “auditorium”. These two categories are meant to be large facilities and while staff does not anticipate that the community will see a new convention center or sports and entertainment venue any time soon, if ever, there needs to be category for these common uses.

Another proposed revision involves a new definition for “Place of Worship”. While this amendment is not critical to this project, staff believes it will create more predictability for applicants. The new proposed definition clarifies certain components that are included in this land use category and others that are not.

10.10 District Use Chart

The proposed amendments to 10.10 District Use Chart include the removal and addition of land use categories as discussed above. The three new categories are proposed to be allowed by conditional use in the more intense commercial and mixed-use districts and overlays.

10.60.080 Off-street parking requirements

In response to the addition and removal of land use categories mentioned above, amendments are proposed to the off-street parking requirements. Convention center and sports and entertainment venue are proposed to be in the same category as place of assembly is currently as these seem to be similar categories. Transportation center is

proposed to join a category that imposes parking standards at the discretion of the hearing examiner. The reason for this is because a transportation center could take a variety of forms including having no enclosed structures which would make the “Gross Floor Area” metric ineffective.

10.32 Waterfront Mixed Use (WMU) District

Another amendment that is necessary due to the removal and addition of land uses is in the code chapter for the Waterfront Mixed Use District. In 10.32.050(8)(a) there is a mention of “places of assembly”. This has been revised to include the appropriate range of uses.

10.65 Conditional Uses

Staff is proposing amendments to the text of the section headings of 10.65.080 and 10.65.180. Neighborhood centers will not be addressed in 10.65.180 and instead be addressed in 10.65.080.

In 10.65.080, staff is proposing that the current subsection 3 be removed as it is no longer necessary after the recent sign code update. The proposed subsection 3 is being proposed to clarify how auditoriums are treated in residential areas.

VII. Staff recommendation

Staff recommends **Approval** of the draft revisions to the Wenatchee City Code in Chapter 10.08, 10.10, 10.60, 10.32, and 10.65 relating to public assembly land uses as attached in Exhibit A, based upon the suggested findings of fact and conclusions of law in section VIII of the staff report.

VIII. SUGGESTED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Suggested Findings of Fact:

1. The City of Wenatchee has adopted the Wenatchee Urban Area Comprehensive Plan and a series of sub-area comprehensive plans pursuant to the Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW Chapter 36.70A, which cover the Wenatchee Urban Growth Area and all incorporated areas within the City of Wenatchee, that have been found to be consistent with each other and with the adopted GMA plans of the adjoining jurisdictions.
2. The City of Wenatchee Planning Commission is responsible for long range planning matters and providing implementation recommendations to assure compliance with the Growth Management Act for the City of Wenatchee Urban Growth Area in coordination with Chelan County and within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Wenatchee. These measures include updates and amendments to the comprehensive plan; development regulations, environmental regulations, and any

other rules, actions or regulations deemed necessary to implement the Growth Management Act.

3. RCW Chapters 36.70 and 36.70A authorize the adoption of development regulations.
4. Section 10.04.020 Purpose of the Wenatchee Zoning Code identifies the purposes of the title as to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare; to assist in the implementation of the Wenatchee urban area comprehensive plan; to comply with the Growth Management Act; and to comply with the provisions and objectives of Chapter 44, Laws of Washington, 1935, as amended, and Chapter 17, Laws of 1990, First Extraordinary Session, as amended.
5. The Planning Commission conducted public workshops addressing the topic of public assembly uses on May 15, 2019, December 11, 2019, January 15, 2020, and February 19, 2020.
6. The City of Wenatchee issued a determination of non-significance on February 24, 2020 and provided copies of the environmental documents to the Department of Ecology SEPA Register.
7. The City of Wenatchee and Chelan County issued a joint notice of the public expedited review and comment period, and public hearing dates on February 25, 2020 which was published in the Wenatchee World.
8. On February 24, 2020, the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County provided formal notice to the Washington State Department of Commerce of the intent to adopt amendments to the Wenatchee City Code with a request for expedited review, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106. Additional notices were provided to local and regional agencies for the review and comment periods/environmental determinations.
9. The Washington State Department of Commerce granted expedited review of the proposed amendment to the Wenatchee City Code on March 9, 2020.
10. Public comments submitted during the comment period were reviewed by the Planning Commission and included in the official record.
11. On March 18, 2020, the City of Wenatchee Planning Commission conducted an advertised public hearing. The Planning Commission entered into the record the files on this amendment, accepted public testimony, and deliberated the merits of the proposal.

12. The City of Wenatchee Planning Commission has reviewed the entire record and public testimony as it relates to the proposed amendments to the Wenatchee City Code.
13. Goal 12 Policy 6 of the Wenatchee Urban Area Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Element reads as follows: "New non-residential development in existing residential neighborhoods should be designed (landscaping and building design) and operated (traffic, noise, lighting, hours) to be compatible with the existing neighborhood. Compatibility for design can take the form of guidelines which objectively define a range of acceptable neighborhood non-residential building types and architectural details."
14. Goal 15 Policy 4 of the Wenatchee Urban Area Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Element reads as follows: New non-residential development in existing residential neighborhoods should be designed (landscaping and building design) and operated (traffic, noise, lighting, hours) to be compatible with the existing neighborhood.
15. Goal 4 Policy 1 of the Wenatchee Urban Area Comprehensive Plan's Cultural and Historic Resources Element reads as follows: "Recruit and support facilities that provide places for cultural and civic dialogue."
16. Goal 5 Policy 4 of the Wenatchee Urban Area Comprehensive Plan's Cultural and Historic Resources Element reads as follows: "Enhance the presence of the performing, visual and creative arts."

Suggested Conclusions of Law:

1. The procedural and substantive requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act have been complied with.
2. The procedural requirements of RCW 36.70A have been complied with.
3. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Chelan County Countywide Planning Policies and the City of Wenatchee Urban Area Comprehensive Plan.
4. The proposed amendments are consistent with the requirements of Revised Code of Washington, and the Washington Administrative Code.
5. The proposed amendments have been reviewed and processed in accordance with the requirements of Title 10 Zoning, Title 12 Environmental Protection, and Title 13 Administration of Development Regulations of the City of Wenatchee Code.

Exhibit A: Draft revisions dated March 11, 2020
Exhibit B: Public comments

Exhibit A

WCC10.08 Definitions

10.08.050 “C”

“Convention center” means a building or area designated to accommodate large groups of people usually for social occasions, or the exchange of information related to professional or commercial activity. Such a facility typically contains various large assembly halls, conference rooms, and food service facilities, and has a gross floor area of at least 20,000 square feet.

10.08.115 “P”

~~“Place of assembly” means a building used in whole or in part for the gathering together of persons for such purposes as deliberation, entertainment, amusement, or awaiting transportation.~~

“Place of worship” means a structure, group of structures, or portion thereof which is utilized for the purpose of conducting religious worship, services, or ceremonies. A place of worship may contain facilities such as a sanctuary or chapel, assembly rooms, offices, kitchen, parsonage, or multi-purpose room. Uses including, but not limited to, schools, dwelling units except parsonages, and child day care facilities shall not be considered incidental to the primary use, but may be allowed subject to other provisions of this title. ~~any building primarily used for congregations gathering for religious practices.~~

10.08.130 “S”

“Sports and Entertainment Venue” means a large event space intended for the viewing of sporting events, entertainment, trade shows, expos and other similar events. Gross floor area will generally be greater than 20,000 square feet in area.

10.08.135 “T”

“Transportation Center” means a place where people await transportation via bus, train, or other forms of mass transit at a regional hub outside the public right-of-way. This includes both public and private transportation services.

10.10 District Use Chart

District Use Chart

		P = Permitted use P ₁ = Permitted, not to occupy grade level commercial street frontage AU = Accessory use C = Conditional use C ₁ = Permitted, not to occupy grade level commercial street frontage ~ = Prohibited use M = Permitted use in a corridor mixed use project within the MRC overlay																		
Uses		Commercial Districts					Mixed Use Districts			Residential Districts					Overlay Zones					
		CBD	NWBD	SWBD	CN	I	WMU	OMU	RMU	RF	RS	RL	RM	RH	HEO	CSO	MRC	IO	PO	RRO
Public Assembly																				
Auditoriums and places of assembly		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	~	C	C	C	C	C	C	C/M	~	C	C
Transportation Center		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	~	~	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<u>C</u>	~	~	~	~
Convention Center		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	~	~	<u>C</u>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	~	~	~	~
Sports and entertainment venue		<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	~	~	<u>C</u>	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	~	~	~	~

10.60.080 Off-street parking requirements.

The following requirements shall be met in all zoning districts, except when specifically regulated elsewhere in this code:

Off-Street Parking Requirements

Land Use	Standards
Public Assembly	
Mortuaries/funeral parlor, place of worship, place of assembly , auditorium, <u>convention center</u> , <u>sports and entertainment venue</u>	1 space per 3 seats or 6 feet of bench, or 10 spaces per 1,000 square feet of GFA of the main assembly area(s) when no seats/benches are designated
Retail/Hotel/Restaurants	
Retail – handling bulky merchandise, autos, furniture,	1.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet of GFA

Off-Street Parking Requirements

Land Use	Standards
machinery, construction materials, tires, fuels, feeds, repair shops, printers, newspapers, bus and truck terminals, wholesale bakeries, boat sales and rentals, delivery services, rental services, recycling facilities	
General Commercial	
Golf course or golf driving range, public service facilities, essential public facilities, recreational vehicle park, <u>transportation center</u>	Per hearing examiner and consistent with approved use level

10.32 WATERFRONT MIXED USE (WMU) DISTRICT

10.32.050 Development standards.

Development in this district shall meet all of the applicable provisions of this title and all other rules, regulations and provisions of the WCC, including the provisions below. Also, most residential developments, including mixed use development that features at least one dwelling unit, are subject to conformance with applicable sections of the Residential Design Guidelines.

(8) Architectural Scale. The intent is to reduce the scale of structures and to incorporate architectural design features to increase visual interest. Articulation and modulation shall be for the full height and width of a building, except as otherwise allowed within this title.

(a) Building Size. The gross size of any new building footprint shall not be larger than 45,000 square feet except for auditoriums ~~and places of assembly, convention centers, places of worship, and sports and entertainment venues.~~

10.65 Conditional Uses

10.65.080 Auditoriums, neighborhood centers, ~~places of public assembly~~, and places of worship.

(1) Maximum building height, RS, RL and RM: 40 feet. Other districts: same as the height limitation of the zoning district for other buildings.

(2) Minimum Setback Distance.

(a) Street: same as required in the underlying zoning district;

(b) Rear and side: same as required in the underlying zoning district, plus one-half foot for each foot by which the building height exceeds 20 feet where a rear or side yard adjoins an RF, RS, RL or RM district.

~~(3) Signs, when located in the RF, RS, RL, and RM zoning districts, shall comply with the following:~~

~~(a) One nonilluminated sign for each street frontage;~~

~~(b) Signs shall not exceed 12 square feet in area;~~

~~(c) Signs located in required setback areas shall observe the maximum height requirements that apply to fences;~~

~~(d) Any proposed reader boards/electronic message centers shall be reviewed as part of the conditional use permit.~~

(3) Auditoriums in residential zoning districts must be accessory to another non-residential use such as a school, neighborhood center, or institution of higher education. A separate conditional use permit is not required for this use but if a new auditorium is proposed, it must be included in the review of the CUP for that property.

(4) Landscaping and Screening. Off-street parking shall comply with Chapter [10.62](#) WCC, Landscaping and Screening, as amended.

(5) Architectural Scale. New nonresidential buildings in the RF, RS, RL, RM, and RH zoning districts shall meet WCC 10.48.270 Deviations to these standards may be considered where the applicant can demonstrate that the change or deviation in design is either necessary due to the inherent function of the facility, and/or the change provides for equal or greater compatibility with the character of the surrounding

neighborhood. Consideration of such a deviation shall include an informal design review workshop recommendation of the planning commission, where input from the surrounding neighborhood shall be solicited, and incorporated in staff analysis before the hearing examiner.

10.65.180 Libraries, and museums, ~~and neighborhood centers.~~

Exhibit B

July 29, 2019
Lower Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association
311 Hilltop Place
Wenatchee, WA 98801

CITY OF WENATCHEE
JUL 31 2019

Stephen Neuenschwander
Manager
Planning Division
City of Wenatchee

Dear Sir:

Re City Interim Noise Control Review

As the unified voice of the 54 owner households that make up the Lower Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association, we write to you in support of Wenatchee's current interim noise control 2019-13, without amendment, as passed by City Council on February 28, 2019, and now in review by the City Planning Commission. We wish to take this opportunity to comment on the issue considering our particular community. We feel that our experience is at once generalizable to other Wenatchee neighborhoods.

Our neighborhood consists of single family dwellings, small-producing fruit orchards, an elementary school, and a church (Grace City Church) currently in construction on Melody Lane. Also nearby is Sunnyslope Church, the Chelan County Fire Department, and the Washington State Forest Service.

Our concern and interest in the issue of neighborhood noise control came about through the actions of Grace City Church. When their 2015 CUP approved the construction of "a traditional church", we welcomed them as a new neighbor. Our community expected a similar neighborly experience as we have had with Sunnyslope Church. However, Grace City Church's subsequent land use proposals for their property, their building designs, and the events that they have held on their property in the last two years, instead have revealed a self-described non-traditional church organization intent on making lots of noise, both indoor and outdoor, with no consideration given to the severe disruption of their fellow neighbors' homes.

Grace City Church has already demonstrated on two different occasions just how much noise they are capable of generating on this property. On Easter morning in 2017, a GCC religious service awoke neighborhood homeowners with loud speakers at 7:30 am. The announcements, sermon, baptisms, and music prevented adjacent neighbors from hosting planned family events, as the deafening noise made conversation

impossible even behind closed doors and windows. During the Church's groundbreaking ceremony on May 20, 2018, the excessive sound carried so far that it caused dishes to rattle inside kitchen cabinets on Peters Street and their speakers could be heard loudly beyond Sunnyslope Elementary. During both occasions, Melody Lane was completely overwhelmed by traffic, which spilled onto adjacent roads. In essence, these outdoor activities deeply disturbed the peaceful ambience of our community.

One could look at the Church's building permit granted in May of this year as evidence that moving forward, GCC will operate in compliance with their CUP and with the current city noise ordinance. However, these plans don't tell the whole story of their previous egregious outdoor noise violations on this property, and fail to consider the Church's self-disclosed future projected land uses, to include an outdoor amphitheater for frequent concerts and events.

On May 15, 2019, Chris Speten, Executive Pastor at GCC, publicly testified to the Planning Commission that he views their church activities through the lens of a "business model", and he brushed off their previously publicized amphitheater and outdoor event proposals as merely "an artist's rendition". Mr. Speten's comments appear to be dishonest, however, as a simple internet search finds multiple news articles about the project that directly quote church leaders regarding their intentions to build an outdoor amphitheater within our neighborhood.

Review of their initial proposal shows that the Church intended to construct a chapel separate from their main Event Center equipped with the quoted outdoor amphitheater. This chapel's back rear wall was to be constructed with motorized glass panels that could be retracted, opening the chapel onto to an outdoor stage with noise projection outwards into an amphitheater seating hundreds, utilized for outdoor concerts and other events.

Fortunately, the Planning Division found that the retractable chapel wall fell outside of their CUP and disallowed it. The Church was permitted to leave the back wall as glass panels without the installation of the corresponding motors. Through the permit process, the Church could have changed their plans to install a traditional back wall to the chapel, but didn't. As a community, we interpret this action as an indication that GCC intends to apply for these additions in the future, making this interim noise control even more crucial to protecting our neighborhood from constant outdoor noise disruption, as previously suffered on two separate occasions. This concern is coincident with Mr. Speten's public testimony on May 15, 2019, where he advocated for an amendment to the City's interim noise control to create a separate category for churches that would

allow them to project sound outside of the confines of their buildings in residential areas, including conducting outdoor events. We know firsthand that allowing churches to fall into a separate category would be exceedingly disruptive to Wenatchee's neighborhoods, as evidenced by GCC's events in 2017 and 2018. The City of Wenatchee cannot allow organizations to create noise disruptions in residential zones, whether it be for religious, commercial or other interests. All property owners must be held to the same strict standards outlined for residential zones in the City Council's interim noise control.

Mr. Speten's May 15, 2019 testimony offered a hypothetical example of a pastor presiding over outdoor wedding ceremonies with the use of a modest microphone and speaker system as a benign example of outdoor noise. However, unless this sort of use is required to adhere to the same strict rules regarding noise projection and maximal decibel readings within residential areas, this will place at risk our community tranquility, however small and restricted the Church might try to portray this example.

During the permit process, the Church eventually responded to the Planning Division's request to remove the outdoor speakers drawn into the plans for their Event Center. However, if the interim noise control is not adopted fully, the Church might well move to install these originally intended outdoor speakers, creating more disruption to our neighborhood from their noise projection.

Lastly, on May 15, 2019, Mr. Speten implied that it is their "First Amendment right" to free speech that should allow a church to be exempt from the noise controls outlined in the City ordinance. We see this as an unfounded argument and an over-interpretation of the First Amendment. As legal precedent in Washington state clearly outlines, in no way does the First Amendment allow religious groups to disrupt residential communities with noise pollution, and in no way does it allow churches to be exempt from ordinances pertaining to noise. We vehemently oppose the suggestion made by Mr. Speten that a separate category for churches and their associated activities be created within the noise ordinance to grant them additional leeway. Disruptive noise is disruptive noise, irrespective of its origin, and no one should be allowed to disrupt our neighborhoods.

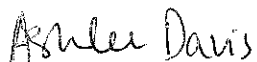
In conclusion, we support wholeheartedly the current interim noise control under study by the Planning Commission, and request that these additional controls be adopted in their entirety as part of the permanent code for the city of Wenatchee, as well as Chelan County. If approved through this process, these noise controls will have a profoundly positive impact on preserving the tranquility of Wenatchee's neighborhoods into the future, preventing neighborhoods from being harmed by noise production from commercial entities, churches, individuals, and other groups.

Submitted most respectfully,

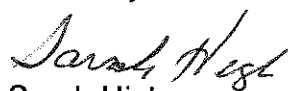
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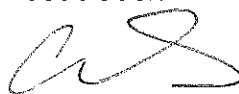
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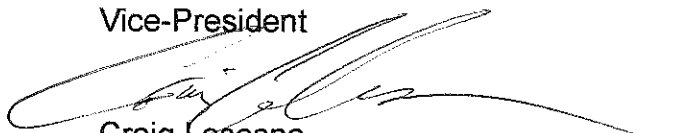
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To: Wenatchee City Council, November 15th, 2019

Re: Ordinance 2019-13

As pastors of churches located in residential zones in the City of Wenatchee, we are writing to express our deep concern for the new interim ordinance prohibiting outdoor sound amplification for “places of worship and public assembly” as identified in section 2.6 of this ordinance. It is our understanding that the planning department initiated this ordinance and is conducting further research to determine whether to adopt it permanently. We were invited by Glen DeVries to share our concerns and are grateful for that opportunity.

Our first step upon hearing about the ordinance was to try and understand exactly if it affected us as churches or not. After discussions with Mr. DeVries (who has been very helpful) and after reviewing with our attorneys to ensure we were reading it properly, it is our understanding that this ordinance, were it to become permanent, would indeed negatively impact us. As written, it would restrict the churches of Wenatchee from carrying out normal church activities for which we are currently allowed to do in residential zones by our Conditional Use Permits and are protected by the Constitution as our free expression of religion. This is our point of concern, and the reason for bringing this to your attention.

As churches, we regularly host outdoor events that require minimal amplification in order for the event to be feasible. This includes weddings, receptions, memorials, celebrations of life services, community events for kids and families, baptisms, neighborhood Halloween events, car washes, fundraisers for mission trips, Vacation Bible Schools, Living Nativities, Easter Egg hunts, youth events, Serve Wenatchee back-to-school clothes drives, confirmations, etc. All of these are functions allowed under our CUP's, and all typically require some measure of amplification. Many would be impacted and some functionally shut down under this proposed ordinance. It would also negatively impact PE and recesses for schools that meet in our facilities.

We have no inclination to think this was is the intention of the ordinance, but it is the negative consequence of it, thus the desire to bring it to your attention.

We have hosted these community-strengthening events for decades, do them all during common sense business hours (not late at night), and always strive to be good neighbors. We also agree that churches in neighborhoods should carry out events within the parameters of the existing noise ordinance (Chapter 6A.40)

that applies to everyone in residential zones. We absolutely want to be good neighbors and have happily abided by these common-sense restrictions.

However, if passed, this new ordinance, placing additional and unique restrictions on churches by prohibiting them from using any and all forms of sound amplification on their private property, would not just make it difficult to continue hosting these events, it would significantly change many and shut some (if not many) of them down...not to mention any new ways and new ideas we come up with in the future to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. This is not only about protecting how we currently serve the community, but ensuring our future to continue doing so. This ordinance would significantly restrict our ability to “do church” and would subsequently be a huge loss for our community.

Our properties have been purchased and maintained by the generous donations of over 7,000 active members of our community. This ordinance would negatively impact everyone who attends and uses our facilities the way they were intended and have been for years.

We do not pretend to understand the complexities of zoning challenges for cities, and we're grateful for the careful thinking the city puts into how zoning impacts different people. We want to be good neighbors and feel the events we host on a regular basis strengthen the communities we live in.

It is our request that the city allow the temporary ordinance to lapse and not become permanent. If the city feels the need to adopt this new ordinance for other 'public assembly' entities, we would respectfully request that churches simply be exempted so that we would not be restricted from the common-sense use of our properties to love and bless the communities we feel called to serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration during this process, and for the invitation to participate in this important conversation. We are grateful for all you do in our community.

Sincerely,

Pastors of the City of Wenatchee

****This letter was written and approved by pastors with church buildings and properties located inside Wenatchee city limits and located in residentially zoned areas.****

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Calvary Crossroads Church
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Father Osmar Aguirre
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
625 S. Elliot Ave.

Pastor Dennis Hens
Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church
1400 S. Miller St.

Eric Devries, Principle
The River Academy
650 Crawford Ave.

Pastor Joe Savina
Wenatchee Seventh-Day Adventist Church
508 N. Western Ave.

Pastor Jerry Beebe
Wenatchee First Assembly of God
1520 McKittrick St.

Pastor Scott Bolander
Wenatchee Valley Baptist
650 Crawford Ave.

Pastor Steve Whitney
Calvary Bible Church
605 First St.

Pastor Mike Wilson
Sage Hills Church
1501 5th Street

Pastor Gene Helsel
Kings Cross Church
508 N. Western Ave.

Pastor Josh McPherson
Grace City Church
Melody Lane

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1011 S. Miller St.

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525 Okanogan Ave.

Pastor Thom Nees
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cc: Mayor Kuntz
Rob Jammerman
Glen DeVries
Stephen Neunschwander

From: [Glen DeVries](#)
To: [Stephen Neuenschwander](#); [Matthew Parsons](#)
Subject: FW: Noise ordinance on tonight's agenda
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2019 12:51:38 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Could you please place this comment in the record? Thanks, Glen



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From: Tammy Stanger <TStanger@WenatcheeWA.Gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 12:50 PM
To: Glen DeVries <GDeVries@WenatcheeWA.Gov>
Subject: FW: Noise ordinance on tonight's agenda



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From: Tammy Stanger
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 12:50 PM
To: City Council Staff <CityCouncilStaff@WenatcheeWA.Gov>
Subject: FW: Noise ordinance on tonight's agenda

From: Vickie & Sam Mills <smills@nwi.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 12:44 PM
To: City Clerk Web Email <cityclerk@WenatcheeWA.Gov>
Subject: Noise ordinance on tonight's agenda

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Dear Councilpersons:

We very much wanted to attend tonight's council meeting regarding the issue of the noise ordinance. However, another obligation is forcing us to miss the meeting. We hope you will accept our written concerns regarding this issue. We apologize we are not able to be there in person.

The impact on churches to "grandfather" in current church events, but not allow any new events would be devastating. Like any other business, or group, churches are constantly needing to re-invent themselves to make sure they are meeting the CURRENT needs of their congregation. Demographics are changing, and what worked in the past, may not be effective currently. We feel this would certainly in effect violate our religious freedom and expression of worship.

We respectfully ask you to consider not only the immediate effects of this limit of church worship, but also the far-reaching negative ramifications.

Thank you for your time.

Sam and Vickie Mills



Northwest Religious Liberty Association

January 22, 2020

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Dear Mayor Kuntz and Counsel Members,

I am writing to you out of a great concern for religious liberty, especially as it relates to land use provisions the City has enacted impacting religious institutions in the Urban Growth Area of Wenatchee. The City of Wenatchee has adopted interim control ordinances banning churches and places of assembly from using any sound amplification devices in areas of residential zoning.

This draconian measure was taken as an interim control despite existing noise ordinances in the city, which are applicable to churches.

If we do research on this matter, I believe the evidence will show that the ordinances enacted—and your building and planning departments restrictions and interim controls—violate a federal law known as the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000. [RLUIPA]

RLUIPA requires a local government which is restricting a religion, or religious functions and practices, to use the least restrictive means. For the past two years the City of Wenatchee has stated that no churches can use outdoor sound amplification devices, regardless of the amount of sound generated, or the activity. It does not ban residences from using sound amplification devices, or anyone else, in any zone. The outdoor Willie Nelson concert at the college was allowed; the marching band is allowed; announcers at the Apple Sox game are allowed; and sound amplification events happen in parks, open spaces, and all around our town, without much incident. Instead of enforcing the sound ordinances on the books, you go after churches, and outright ban any amplification devices.

As Vice President of the Northwest Religious Liberty Association (NRLA), and as a member of the Wenatchee Community, I request that you 1) let the interim controls expire, and 2) focus on enforcing your noise ordinances rather than continue to violate the rights of churches.

I have attached a copy of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000. [RLUIPA] for your information.

Charles R. Steinberg, Vice President

(a) Substantial burdens

(1) General rule

No government shall impose or implement a land use regulation in a manner that imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a person, including a religious assembly or institution, unless the government demonstrates that imposition of the burden on that person, assembly, or institution—

- (A)** is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest; and
- (B)** is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

(2) Scope of application This subsection applies in any case in which—

- (A)** the substantial burden is imposed in a program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability;
- (B)** the substantial burden affects, or removal of that substantial burden would affect, commerce with foreign nations, among the several States, or with Indian tribes, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability; or
- (C)** the substantial burden is imposed in the implementation of a land use regulation or system of land use regulations, under which a government makes, or has in place formal or informal procedures or practices that permit the government to make, individualized assessments of the proposed uses for the property involved.

(b) Discrimination and exclusion

(1) Equal terms

No government shall impose or implement a land use regulation in a manner that treats a religious assembly or institution on less than equal terms with a nonreligious assembly or institution.

(2) Nondiscrimination

No government shall impose or implement a land use regulation that discriminates against any assembly or institution on the basis of religion or religious denomination.

(3) Exclusions and limits No government shall impose or implement a land use regulation that—

- (A)** totally excludes religious assemblies from a jurisdiction; or
- (B)** unreasonably limits religious assemblies, institutions, or structures within a jurisdiction.

From: [Charles Steinberg](#)
To: [Frank Kuntz](#); [Matthew Parsons](#)
Cc: [Hamilton Greg](#); [Joe Savino](#)
Subject: Sound Amplification Devices Letter for Thursday's Council Meeting
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 12:31:26 PM
Attachments: [20200122122826029.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Kuntz and City Counsel Members,

Please see attached letter regarding the Interim Control Ordinance from the Northwest Religious Liberty Association.

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From: [Charles Steinberg](#)
To: [City Clerk Web Email](#); [Anna Alvarez](#)
Cc: [Matthew Parsons](#); [Joe Savino](#)
Subject: INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE COMMENT FROM NORTHWEST RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 12:37:23 PM
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Dear Tammy and Deputy Clerk Alvarez,

I was looking around the City's website, and was unable to find the e-mail addresses of the current individual council members, and it appears it has not been updated to include the new council members.

Can you get them to me?

I would like the attached letter to get to them before Thursdays Council meeting.

THANKS,

Charles

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January 22nd, 2020

City of Wenatchee Staff, City Council, Planning Commission, Neighbors of Grace City Church

Re: Concerns Expressed About Grace City Church

Dear Mayor and all interested parties,

We are writing in response to several requests made of us to give some context to concerns that have been raised by neighbors of our property on Melody Lane. As we understand it, these concerns stem from two outdoor events on our property before construction of our facility began...our outdoor Easter service on April 16th, 2017, and our ground-breaking ceremony on May 20th, 2018.

We have been hesitant to do this, namely because of things we've heard shared contradict our experience and understanding of those events. This has put us in the awkward position of appearing to disagree or even correct perceived inaccuracies. This letter is in no way an attempt to go point-counter-point or accuse anyone of intentional falsehoods. Certainly everyone's experience and interpretation has validity. This is simply our attempt to honor the multiple requests we've received to share our perspective and try to give some context for the concerns.

- **Regarding the Easter Sunday morning event...**We've been told that a concern was raised saying we played loud music at night. For context, after checking with the City of Wenatchee to get permission for the event, we set up everything *but* the sound system Saturday night (we were afraid of possible rain). We brought the sound system in the following morning, set up, and waited for the appropriate time pursuant the codes to start a sound check. After the event was over, we tore the sound equipment down and were off-site by 2pm.

At no point did we have a functioning sound system on property during off-hours, let alone play it. We also had a staff person sleep on the property to guard our other equipment, and they heard nothing all night. We're not saying it didn't happen, we're just saying that we weren't aware it was happening. Even so, we realize the music played on Easter Sunday morning bothered some. We tried our best to let folks know what we were doing, sent out mailings, talked with many face to face beforehand, and only received a warm welcome. It was our hope to eliminate anything that would cause a bother. But we realize sound doesn't stop at property lines. For those who were bothered by it, we apologize. This was a special one-time event done before we had our building, and we can assure the neighbors that nothing of it's type will happen now that we have our building constructed.

- **Regarding the lights on at night...**We've been told there is great concern for the lights in our parking lot. Again, we are so sorry for any distress this has caused. We were careful to purchase state of the art lights that minimize unnecessary light pollution. After installation the manufacturing specs requires a 30-day 24-7 burn, or the warranty is voided. That 30 day period recently ended and we can now turn them off at night. We've been encouraged to keep a few on for security purposes (both for our facility and surrounding neighbors), but we are more than willing to work with the neighbors about a suitable solution regarding that.
- **Regarding the dust complaints during construction...**We apologize for everyone who experienced dust last summer. We understand how annoying and troubling that can be. We hired a full-time water truck driver at the beginning of the project, calling on him many weekends as well. We tried to proactively kept the site watered and always responded promptly to any neighbors who called to let us know the dust was blowing. Even so, we know it's no fun living next to a construction site. We totally get that. We are so sorry for the inconvenience it caused and are glad we're through that phase.

Hopefully this provides a little context for some of the main concerns we have personally heard presented or been made aware of. If there are any other questions or concerns, we gladly welcome conversation and dialogue.

It has been our intention and commitment to be good neighbors and to work for win-win solutions for all involved from the day we bought the property. Though not comprehensive, here are a few of the things we've done in the spirit of being a good neighbor:

- **Sewer...**After pulling sewer to the property, we chose not to require late-comers fee to back-fill the expenses. Our board's hope was that in covering the cost completely, it would relieve any financial burden from those who could benefit from hooking up to sewer later if they so decided.
- **Blocked View...**After realizing that landscape code would require us planting trees that could potentially block some neighbors view at the top of the hill, we petitioned the city to allow us to move the location of those trees. The City staff saw the potential view obstruction and kindly obliged our request.
- **Removing Trees...**Several years ago some neighbors approached and asked if we would be willing to remove trees on our property that had always shed leaves on their property and blocked their view. So, 1 year before we planned to develop the property, we paid to have those trees removed, and happily so.

- **Sharing Space**...One neighbor asked if they could store rocks and dirt on our property while doing some development of their own. We happily obliged.
- **Landscaping**...One neighbor asked for landscaping help and dirt removal while we had equipment there. We talked to the contractor and got it done.
- **Irrigation Lines**...Several neighbors asked if they could come on our property to fix their irrigations lines, and we have happily obliged.

We don't list these to pat our own back...no one needs a medal for being a good neighbor. We get that. But hopefully it's a sampling that demonstrates our heart and intention. We've loved these opportunities to be good neighbors and look forward to many more. It is our desire that people would not have to "put up" with Grace City being in the neighborhood, but eventually would come to say, "Man, I'm so glad they're in our neighborhood!"

We doubt this letter has adequately addressed all questions or concerns, but hopefully it's given a little context for the last few years. We certainly don't claim to be perfect, but any disturbance experienced has never been intentional or malicious. Our intent is to do everything we can to be good neighbors, and we will continue to do so to the best of our ability.

To the neighbors who have reached out with questions, initiated dialogue, or welcomed us into the neighborhood with open arms, thank you! Your ongoing encouragement, emails, and phone calls have been very much appreciated. We feel very welcomed!

To the neighbors we have yet to meet, or who have ongoing questions, we would love to connect and get to know you, hear any concerns you have, and work towards solutions that would be mutually beneficial. We care about your quality of life.

To the planning commission, city council, and city staff, thank you for inviting us to participate in this process, for graciously answering our questions, and patiently explaining how the process works. Reading through the agendas alone is mind-numbing. The amount of issues you face and problems that require solving is staggering. We apologize if we've added to your work load. That has never been our intention. We hope to make our city stronger and better, and we are committed to working towards that end. Thank you for all the work you do. It is appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who's put so much work into this process, and thanks for taking the time to read this letter. I'm sure it hasn't solved all challenges, answered all question, or addressed all concerns. But hopefully it has given some context, clarity, and understanding surrounding the primary concerns we were asked to address.

It is our intention and commitment to promote and participate in healthy dialogue and creative solutions so as to arrive at outcomes that benefit everyone involved. And to, above all,

be a good neighbor...both to our community at large and to those we live next to. We love our town, and we're committed to making it an awesome place to live, for everyone.

If there are concerns we haven't addressed or any questions for us, please don't hesitate to contact us or call our offices. We welcome conversation and working towards solutions.

For our city,

The Elders of Grace City Church

From: [Cindy Grubb](#)
To: [Matthew Parsons](#)
Subject: RE: Notice of Zoning Code Amendments, Request for Expedited Review, Environmental Determination, and Public Hearings
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 11:54:51 AM

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Chelan County Public Works has no comments

Cindy Grubb
Development Review Tech
Chelan County Public Works

From: Matthew Parsons <MParsons@WenatcheeWA.Gov>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Alice Meyer <ameyer@wrh2o.com>; Amanda Barg <amanda.barg@dfw.wa.gov>; andrea.jedel@ecy.wa.gov; Bill Gould <gouldw@wsdot.wa.gov>; Chelan Douglas Transportation Council <jeff@chelan-douglas.org>; Chris Hanson <CHanson@WenatcheeWA.Gov>; Cindy Blaufuss <cblaufuss@chelancountyfire.com>; Cindy Grubb <Cindy.Grubb@CO.CHELAN.WA.US>; City of East Wenatchee <LBarnett@east-wenatchee.com>; Cliff Burdick <CBurdick@WenatcheeWA.Gov>; Constance Iten - DFW <constance.iten@dfw.wa.gov>; Curt Kazen <ckazen@wm.com>; Cynthia McGlothorn - WSDOT <McGlotC@wsdot.wa.gov>; Dave Woody - Cultural Resources Program Archaeologist <dwevh5150@yahoo.com>; Donald Nelson <DNelson@WenatcheeWA.Gov>; Douglas County Land Services <mkulaas@co.douglas.wa.us>; Dr. Karen Capuder <karen.capuder@colvilletribes.com>; Gary D. Graff - Ecology <gagr461@ecy.wa.gov>; Gary Owen <GOwen@WenatcheeWA.Gov>; Glen DeVries <GDeVries@WenatcheeWA.Gov>; Graham Simon <graham.simon@dfw.wa.gov>; Greg Thompson <thompson.m@wenatcheeschools.org>; Gwen Clear - Ecology <crosepacoordinator@ecy.wa.gov>; Jessica - Yakama Nation <jessica@yakama.com>; Jessica Shaw <JShaw@WenatcheeWA.Gov>; John Goodwill - Chelan County PUD <John.Goodwill@chelanpud.org>; Justen Harkness - Charter <Justen.Harkness@charter.com>; Kirsten Larsen <Kirsten.Larsen@CO.CHELAN.WA.US>; Lisa Juchmes - CCPUD <Lisa.Juchmes@chelanpud.org>; Maxwell Nelson <nelsonm@wsdot.wa.gov>; Rich Peters <rpeters@wvc.edu>; Rik Spraggins <Rik.Spraggins@charter.com>; Ron Andrus - USPS <ronald.g.andrus@email.usps.gov>; Scott Macdonald <Scott.Macdonald@BNSF.com>; SEPA - DAHP <SEPA@dahp.wa.gov>; SEPA Register <separegister@ecy.wa.gov>; SEPA Unit - Ecology <SEPAUNIT@ECY.WA.GOV>; Steve King <SKing@WenatcheeWA.Gov>; Tammy Fisher <Tammy.Fisher@chelanpud.org>; Ty Marshall-Charter <ty.marshall@charter.com>
Cc: Stephen Neuenschwander <SNeuenschwander@WenatcheeWA.Gov>
Subject: Notice of Zoning Code Amendments, Request for Expedited Review, Environmental Determination, and Public Hearings

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County are providing joint notice of the following proposed amendments to the City of Wenatchee Code:

Amendments to Title 10 of the Wenatchee City Code including Chapters 10.08 Definitions, 10.10 District Use Chart, 10.60 Off-Street Parking, 10.32 Waterfront Mixed Use (WMU) District, and 10.65 Conditional Uses relating to public assembly land uses and their associated standards.

The amendments were sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce, with a request for expedited review, as required by RCW 36.70A.106. The state required notice period begins on February 25, 2020 and if expedited review is granted, concludes on March 10, 2020.

Comments on the proposed amendments should be submitted as soon as possible for consideration by city staff, the planning commission, and the city council. Comments are accepted up to and at the public hearing. Comments may be emailed to mparsons@wenatcheewa.gov or mailed to:

Planning Division
City of Wenatchee
1350 McKittrick Street, Suite A
Wenatchee, WA 98801.

The proposed code amendments are attached to this message. The project website is located at the following address: <https://www.wenatcheewa.gov/government/community-and-economic-development/current-projects/places-of-assembly-and-outdoor-amplification-code-update-2020>

The City of Wenatchee has determined the proposed amendments to the City of Wenatchee Municipal Code will not have probable significant adverse impacts on the environment and have issued a determination of non-significance (DNS) in compliance with RCW 43.21C. The DNS and SEPA Checklist are attached to this message.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Wenatchee Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 18, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of Wenatchee City Hall, 301 Yakima St, 2nd Floor, Wenatchee, WA 98801 to consider the proposed amendments. The public is invited to attend the public hearings and comment on all pertinent matters.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Wenatchee City Council will hold a public hearing on March 26, 2020 at 5:15 PM in the Council Chambers of Wenatchee City Hall, 1301 Yakima St, 2nd Floor, Wenatchee, WA 98801 to consider the proposed amendments. The public is invited to attend the public hearings and comment on all pertinent matters.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in either of these hearings, please contact the Mayor's office at (509) 888-6204 (TTY 711). Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title 1.)

Matt Parsons, AICP

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Public Services Center

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(509) 888-3200

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TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Community Development Staff

SUBJECT: Work session on potential amendments to development codes mostly relating to housing code update

DATE: March 11, 2020

Staff has been keeping track of codes that need further review after the adoption of the "Housing Code Update" in November 2019. In the coming months, staff plans to bring to you a series of code amendments to further refine our development codes, specifically as they pertain to housing. While staff does not have materials ready for this packet, we plan to bring ideas and concepts to you in the form of a presentation for the purposes of discussion.