

## OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### RESOLUTION 192-2024

*A resolution affirming the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners commitment to revisit possible future changes to Okanogan County Code, Chapter 17 Zoning.*

**WHEREAS**, Okanogan County adopted an updated zone code on July 26, 2016 under Ordinance 2016-4 which was challenged by Future wise and Methow Valley Citizens Council ("MVCC") and Yakama Nation resulting in a Stipulation Order (2017); and

**WHEREAS**, the Stipulation Order mandated that Okanogan County adopt revisions to the 2016 comprehensive plan and zone code by the end of 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 29, 2021 the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners adopted a revised comprehensive plan with Ordinance 2021-3; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 23, 2024 the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners adopted a revised Okanogan County Code, Chapter 17 Zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, during the public review, comment and hearing process several changes were suggested which were outside the scope of work of the revisions mandated under the Stipulation Order; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners wish to revisit the publics suggested changes at a later date; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners that they are committed to revisit possible future changes to Okanogan County Code, Chapter 17 Zoning to include (but not limited to):

- a. Full zone reform using Smart Growth America (technical assistance)
- b. Ridgetop development
- c. Lighting/Glare
- d. Removal of CUP requirement for Churches
- e. Penalties – Misdemeanor
- f. Rezone MRD – Include Lower Valley
- g. Revisit Sub Unit Boundary Map in MRD- possibly include whole MRD in one Sub Unit rather than three.
- h. Conditional Uses – Which uses should require a CUP & agency review
- i. Multi Family Dwellings – better definition, too many limitations, duplex vs apartment complex
- j. R160 – allowance of a 1-time division of property (5-acre parcel)
- k. Areas zoned as buildable but now are not

- l. Incentives for people to consolidate parcels that were previously subdivided.
- m. Create zoning districts for city expansion areas and explore water and other plans in service area including floodplain maps.

- Note: The list is not limited to what is shown and is not listed in any priority order.

Dated at Okanogan, Washington this 23 day of December, 2024.



ATTEST:

*Stacy Michelle McCahan*

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