

OKANOGAN COUNTY

ORDINANCE 2019 - 6

An Ordinance amending the official Okanogan County Zone map by adopting airport safety overlay zones for the Tonasket Airport.

WHEREAS: RCW 36.70.547 General aviation airports—Siting of incompatible uses states “Every county, city, and town in which there is located a general aviation airport that is operated for the benefit of the general public, whether publicly owned or privately owned public use, shall, through its comprehensive plan and development regulations, discourage the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to such general aviation airport” and

WHEREAS: In February of 2012, at the request of the pilots association and the cities and towns who own and operate most of the general purpose airports, the Okanogan Board of County Commissioners formed the Airport Advisory Committee to review each airport and its operations to determine the most effective approach to promoting the safety of pilots and the public by discouraging the citing of incompatible uses around the airports, and

WHEREAS: The Airport Advisory Committee drafted a new code section to be included in the Okanogan County Zone Code which, working in conjunction with the underlying zoning, created overlays which restricted the siting of uses which would be adversely impacted by airport operations and of land uses that could pose a threat to the safety of pilots using the airports and of people living or working around the airports, and

WHEREAS: The Airport Advisory Committee, working with the management personnel of each airport, created maps of the safety zones around each airport which would be considered as amendments to the Okanogan County Zone map, and

WHEREAS: In 2014 a revised Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan was adopted that identified the general aviation airports as essential public facilities and recognized the need to avoid siting incompatible uses in proximity to the airports to protect the airports from encroachment and to protect the public and the pilots from unnecessary risk, and

WHEREAS: In 2016 a revised Okanogan County Zone Code was adopted which included a new section OCC 17A.300 Airport Safety which adopts the regulation that is applicable within each of the safety overlay zones when adopted onto the Okanogan County Zone Map, and

WHEREAS: In January of 2019, after consultation with the City of Tonasket planning staff, a Threshold Determination of Non-significance and notice of proposal was published which initiated a public review period for the proposed safety overlays surrounding the Tonasket Airport, and

WHEREAS: At the conclusion of the SEPA comment period no comments had been received. A final determination of non-significance was published on February 6 and 7, 2019, and

WHEREAS: A public hearing was scheduled for February 25, 2019 with the Okanogan County Regional Planning Commission. A notice of public hearing was published on February 6 and 7, 2019 and a notice was mailed to all affected property owners within the proposed overlays, and

WHEREAS: The planning commission conducted the public hearing on February 25, 2019 at which no public comment was given, and

WHEREAS: The planning commission discussed the proposal and determined that the safety of people around the airport as well as the safety of those who used the airport was important. The planning commission recognized the importance of the airport as an element of the transportation infrastructure in Okanogan County and found that the siting of incompatible uses in proximity to the airport compromised the operation of the airport, and

WHEREAS: The planning commission found that the airport was beneficial to the public health and safety and that avoiding the siting of incompatible uses in proximity to the airport was in the public interest and recommended the Okanogan Board of County Commissioners adopt the zone map amendments as presented, and

WHEREAS: A public hearing was scheduled with the Okanogan Board of County Commissioners was scheduled for March 25, 2019. A notice of public hearing was published on March 6 and 7, 2019, and

WHEREAS: The BOCC conducted the public hearing, at which no public comment was offered, and

WHEREAS: The BOCC agreed with the conclusions reached by the planning commission and directed staff to prepare the final ordinance adopting the amendments to the Okanogan Zone Map as proposed. The BOCC continued the public hearing to April 15, 2019 to consider the final draft of the ordinance, be it therefore

ORDAINED: The Okanogan Board of County Commissioners approves the Tonasket Airport Safety Overlay and amends the Okanogan County Zone Map consistent with Attachment A to this ordinance.


Ordered at Okanogan, Washington this 15th day of April 2019.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**



Jim DeTro, Chairman



Chris Branch, Member



Andy Hover, Member

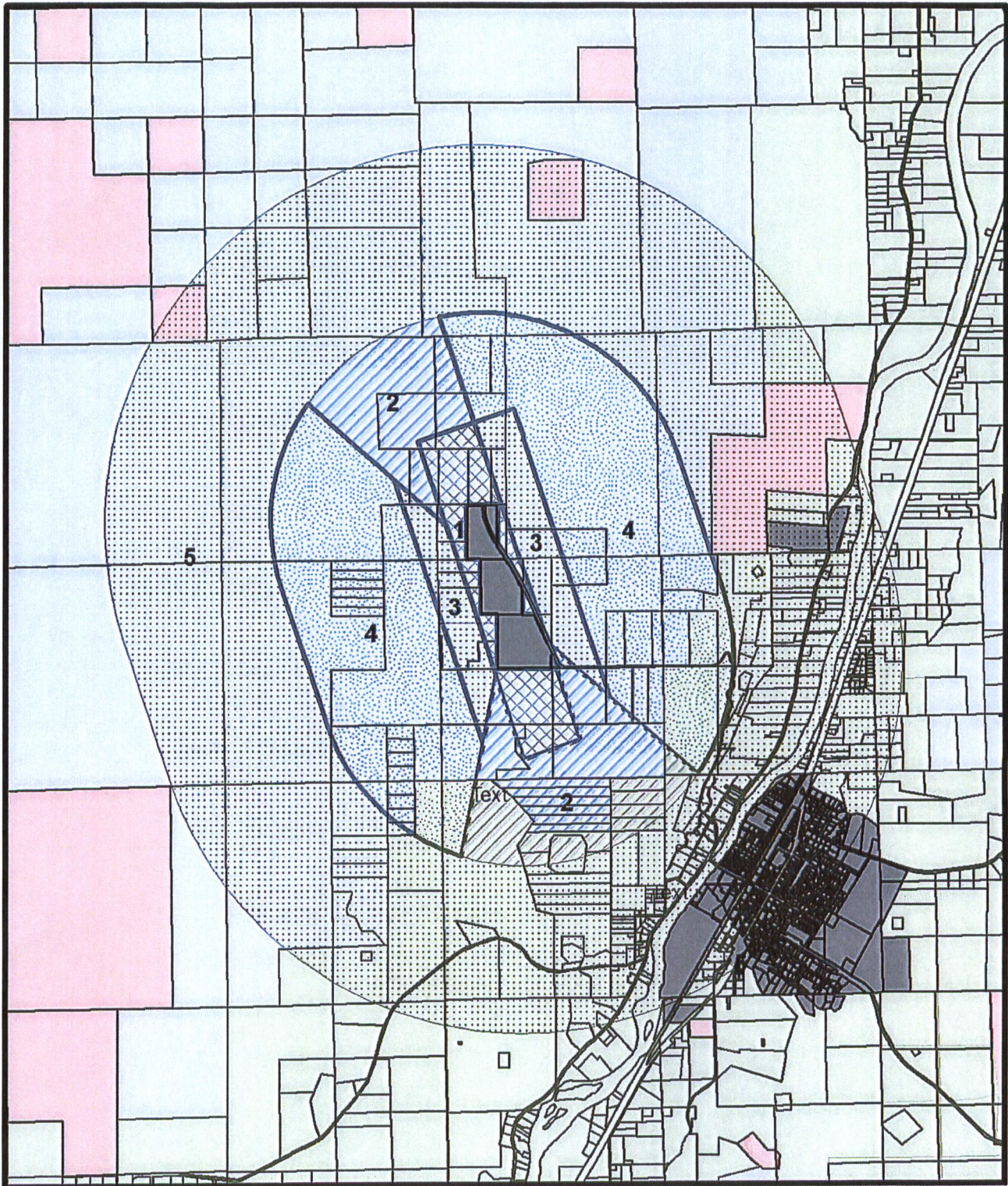
ATTEST



Laleha Johns, Clerk of the Board



Tonasket Airport Zones



Legend

County_Zoning_072616

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ZONE

RURAL 1

RURAL 20

RURAL 5

Landuse

ACODE

1

2

3

4

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April 15. 2019



2012-09-27_Airport_Zoning

0 1,800 3,600 7,200 Feet