

Wineries

PC Hearing
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- Purpose
To discuss with the Planning Commission possible changes to the wineries ordinance



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■ Background

- CCC Section 40.260.245 Wineries adopted in October 2010 (Ord. 2010-10-02).
- Wineries are permitted outright as an agricultural use.
- Wineries that want to add a tasting room and/or events need a winery tasting room/events permit.
- Permit is reviewed similar to a home business permit:
 - Type I if on a public road, or on a private road if neighbors are notified and don't object.
 - Type II if neighbors have issues.
 - Standards for parking, noise, and number of events.
 - Restaurants are not allowed.
 - Event management plan required.



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■ History

- Meeting with vintners June 11, 2012
- Board work sessions January 30 and February 20, 2013
- Board direction was to look at three areas:
 - Definition of 'event'
 - Application of noise standards
 - On-site food service
- Staff proposals:
 - Rename permit to 'wine tasting/events permit'
 - Combine development standards into one section



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- Definition of “event”
 - Current code definition:
 - *“Events” means an activities such as weddings, receptions, concerts, meetings, retreats, and other similar gatherings of more than one hundred fifty (150) persons.*
 - Proposal:
 - Delete the definition of “events”.



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- Noise limits
 - Current code:
 - 5. Noise limits.
 - The provisions of Section 9.14.010(6) relating to public disturbance shall not apply to events except between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Other provisions of Chapter 9.14 apply.
 - Proposal:
 - (1. All wineries with tasting rooms and/or events shall:)
 - h. comply with the provisions of WAC Chapter 173-60 and Chapter 9.14 relating to public disturbance.



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- Food service on-site:

- Current code:

- 6. Food Service. In compliance with Public Health regulations, wineries will be allowed limited food services on site. This food service is not to include restaurants unless otherwise allowed in the zoning district, but may include the following:
 - a. Service of prepackaged food
 - b. Tasting rooms with food; or
 - c. Food service for events.



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- Food service on-site:

- Options:

- Add a requirement found in the Walla Walla County Code: 1) No interior seating will be dedicated solely to the purpose of a meal service. 2) No food will be cooked to order, although a list of pre-packaged food may be posted.
- Add a requirement that on-site food preparation is allowed only in conjunction with an event.
- Allow food service establishments (WAC definition) in conjunction with wineries with tasting rooms.



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- Next steps
 - Tonight's PC Public Hearing on April 18, 2013
 - SEPA checklist issued April 3, 2013
 - 60-day Commerce review ends May 24
 - Board hearing has not been scheduled

- Thanks, everybody!

