Re: Applicant comment for the record public hearing LP-22-00003 Haybrook Farm Phase 3

September 20, 2022

Dear Hearing Examiner

As applicant, I submit the following comments.

- 1. Application LP-22-00003 Haybrook Farm Phase 3 was deemed complete on June 24, 2022. Any vested rights under Washington law attach on the date of complete application.
- 2. There has been a troubled past on city county cooperation in the UGA. Neither jurisdiction was able to work out the complexities nor devote staff time to this task. The private property owners have largely had no voice in UGA matters nor serious opportunity in public hearings. As a consequence, both jurisdictions have failed to create pathways for infill development. The county in many instances acknowledge in ordinance relief in the portion of the UGA and within the airport overlay. (See Daily Record 2013 and email from the city director of community development 2015)
- 3. The state legislature passed RCW 43.21C.229 to create a permissible pathway for cities and counties to relax development ordinances by allowing relief and exemptions. (See attached) infill development categorical exemptions from chapter.
- 4. Airport overlay City of Ellensburg map. Zone 3 of the city overlay in the UGA have density restrictions of 1 DU/Acre and west of Look Road 1 DU/3 Acres. This dictates well and septic tanks and county road standards should apply not city standards. See also the tax parcel map which shows existing uses and parcel sizes. There are no city utilities in Zone 3 of the airport overlay and none contemplated in the City of Ellensburg capital facility plan.

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Willard Manager

Haybrook Land Holding LLC

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DAILY RECORD TUESDAY AUGUST B 2013

## County wants to meet with city

# Commissioners interested in joint development rules

By MIKE JOHNSTON senior writer

Kittitas County commissioners are calling on the Ellensburg City Council to meet in a combined session to discuss development standards in county areas next to city limits.

In a letter to Ellensburg Mayor Bruce Tabb, commissioners said an agreement would outline how the two local governments would settle on standards the county would require builders, developers and property owners to meet for projects next to city limits. The goal is to be compatible with city standards.

Commissioner Gary Berndt said the letter, issued July 30, details the process the county and city would use to reach agreement on development rules in urban growth areas next to city limits. These are areas by state law where urbanstyle growth and development are encouraged next to urban-level services. The areas eventually might be annexed into city limits.

The rules would include platting and construction requirements for street designs, curbs, sidewalks, stormwater control, public power infrastructure and others.

Berndt said efforts were made several years ago to develop jointly held standards between the county and city, but they were delayed.

The county is proposing a draft agreement to the City Council. Berndt said discussions in the future may include how the impact of the loss of county taxes through annexation to the city might be compensated for or lessened.

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#### re uga

2 messages

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Wed, Aug 26, 2015 at 2:51 PM

To: Kirsten Sackett <sackettk@ci.ellensburg.wa.us>

well in addition to everything else including the land use code update i gather you may have been tasked to work with the county on some uga issues.

if there is a list perhaps you can share the list with me and the process and the timeline. if you do that i would love the opportunity to share history and my input for your consideration. see you tomorrow for pre app.

steve

Kirsten Sackett <sackettk@ci.ellensburg.wa.us>
To: Steve Willard <willardis@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 26, 2015 at 4:57 PM

Hi Steve,

Yes, I am involved in the more recent efforts to development an Interlocal Agreement regarding the UGA. The process has been interesting, to say the least. And I have to apologize for not responding to an email from you last Thursday. I was in Leaven worth in a budget training for a few days and I was slammed with email and somehow missed yours.

I have assigned your rezone project to our Senior Planner Jonathan Kesler, but I will be in the pre-app and involved in the project as well. So, I will see you tomorrow!

Kirsten

From: Steve Willard [mailto:willardis@gmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 2:52 PM

To: Kirsten Sackett Subject: re uga

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#### RCW 43.21C.229

### Infill development—Categorical exemptions from chapter.

- (1) In order to accommodate in fill development and thereby realize the goals and policies of comprehensive plans adopted according to chapter 36.70A RCW, a city or county planning under RCW 36.70A.040 is authorized by this section to establish categorical exemptions from the requirements of this chapter. An exemption adopted under this section applies even if it differs from the categorical exemptions adopted by rule of the department under RCW 43.21C.110(1)(a). An exemption may be adopted by a city or county under this section if it meets the following criteria:
- (a) It categorically exempts government action related to development proposed to fill in an urban growth area, designated according to RCW 36.70A.110, where current density and intensity of use in the area is roughly equal to or lower than called for in the goals and policies of the applicable comprehensive plan and the development is either:
  - (i) Residential development;
  - (ii) Mixed-use development; of
- (iii) Commercial development up to sixty-five thousand square feet, excluding retail development;
- (b) It does not exempt government action related to development that is inconsistent with the applicable comprehensive plan or would clearly exceed the density or intensity of use called for in the goals and policies of the applicable comprehensive plan;
- (c) The local government considers the specific probable adverse environmental impacts of the proposed action and determines that these specific impacts are adequately addressed by the development regulations or other applicable requirements of the comprehensive plan, subarea plan element of the comprehensive plan, planned action ordinance, or other local, state, or federal rules or laws; and
- (d)(i) The city or county's applicable comprehensive plan was previously subjected to environmental analysis through an environmental impact statement under the requirements of this chapter prior to adoption; or
- (ii) The city or county has prepared an environmental impact statement that considers the proposed use or density and intensity of use in the area proposed for an exemption under this section.
- (2) Any categorical exemption adopted by a city or county under this section shall be subject to the rules of the department adopted according to RCW 43.21C.110(1)(a) that provide exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions adopted by the department.

[ 2020 c 87 § 1; 2012 1st sp.s. c 1 § 304; 2003 c 298 § 1.]

#### NOTES:

Finding—Intent—Limitation—Jurisdiction/authority of Indian tribe under act—2012 1st sp.s. c 1: See notes following RCW 77.55.011.

Authority of department of fish and wildlife under act—2012 1st sp.s. c 1: See note following RCW 76.09.040.



