Good afternoon,

Thank you for your comment letter in representation of the Hidden Valley Rural Character Preservation Society. Kittitas County Code 15A.03.060(2)(f) outlines specific timelines for public comment periods. Generally when these comment periods coincide with major holidays additional days are included in the time frame to compensate and allow for a reasonable opportunity for Public Comment. The comment period for the Hidden Point conditional use application was extended 3 additional days for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. This is the same standard in which we process all Conditional Use applications. Outside of these instances, it would be unfair to the applicant to hold them to a different standard than other Conditional Use applicants. Therefore, we will not be extending the formal comment period for this application.

Interested Parties can attend the open record public hearing and provide information and evidence to the Hearings Examiner prior to his determination (the public hearing has not been scheduled). Conditional Use applications tend to run 4-6 months from the submittal date before a hearing is scheduled. The Hidden Point application was received on November 20, 2020.

Thank you,

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Please Note: In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and the Governor's "Safe Start" reopening plan, Kittitas County Community Development Services is currently in Phase 3 and is open to the public in a limited capacity. At this time many of us are on a rotating schedule working from home and in the office; during this time I will do my best to respond to you as promptly as possible.