

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** January 4, 2011

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Consider an Event Application request from ABATE of Washington to hold the 2012 Spring Opener

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**BACKGROUND:** On November 18, 2011 the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners received an Event Application from ABATE of Washington to hold the 2012 Spring Opener. The applicant included the County's \$200.00 permit fee along with a certificate of insurance.

**INTERACTION:** On November 18, 2011 Staff sent the application materials to various County departments for their review and recommendation of the proposed event. The Auditor, Solid Waste, Public Health and Prosecutor submitted a recommendation of approval.

The Fire Marshal indicated the applicant would need to obtain a separate event permit in their office with the appropriate fee, site plan and other requirements in order to provide a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions.

The Kittitas County Sheriff's department has submitted a recommendation to approve the special event permit, with reservations. Sheriff Dana outlined many safety concerns and stated that if ABATE commits to the same additional level of security as they did in 2011 (including private security and Kittitas County) then he would recommend approval of this event.

The Kittitas County Public Works Department submitted a recommendation to approve the special event permit with recommendations of the following criteria: 1.) Local advertisement in the Daily Record/radio/physical posting two weeks in advance to inform the traveling public of the upcoming event and 2.) There will be no closures of County roads, and there will be efficient signage for event participants.

The applicant is requesting a waiver to Kittitas County 5.20.100 Penal Bond – Bond of Indemnity since the event is located at Silver Ridge Ranch which near an exit off of I-90. They would also like to have a waiver to the Noise Ordinance to have live music until 1:00 a.m. According to their application, the hours of operation would be from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Kittitas County Code Chapter 9.45.030 (Noise) states that “it shall be a rebuttal presumption that any activities enumerated herein disturb the peace, comfort, or repose of others when they take the place between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 7:00.a.m. in a residential area or one containing hospitals, hostelryes, etc. Kittitas County Code Chapter 5.20.160 (Closing Hours) states an event shall not be open to the public before the hour of 10:00 a.m. and shall remain open to the public until such time as approved by the Board of County Commissioners in the application process.

- RECOMMENDATION:** Consider the Event Application from ABATE of Washington to hold the 2012 Spring Opener and to consider granting a waiver of Kittitas County Code 5.20.100 (Penal Bond-Bond of Indemnity) and Kittitas County Code Chapters 5.20.160 (Closing Hours) and 9.45.030 (Noise), conditioned upon meeting the requirements set out by the Kittitas County Sheriff, Fire Marshal and Public Works Department.
- HANDLING:** Commissioners staff to notify the applicant of the Board’s decision.
- ATTACHMENTS:** ABATE of Washington Application Materials  
Correspondence from County departments  
Kittitas County Code Chapter 5.20 (Event Permits)  
Kittitas County Code Chapter 9.45 (Noise)  
E-mail to Fire Chief Craig McKee
- LEAD STAFF:** Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board