COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY 4:00 P.M.  FEBRUARY 4, 2003

Board members in attendance: Perry Huston & Bruce Coe

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; David Taylor, Community Development Services Director and 3 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING  TEMPORARY BUSINESS LICENSE  COMM. DEV. SERVICES

At approximately 4:07 p.m. Commissioner Huston opened the public hearing to consider a temporary business license to allow for temporary, seasonal business.

DAVID TAYLOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, presented a draft amendment to Kittitas County Code relating to temporary business licenses for temporary, seasonal businesses. He said the proposed amendment was a result from the Board of Commissioners, after receiving requests from the public. His department researched other city codes, and upon development the code amendment, they sent it out for departmental review. Once they sent out the draft document (in December), their office finally received a memo dated January 30, 2003 from Jim Hurson, Deputy Prosecutor, outlining several of his concerns. He gave a brief overview of Mr. Hurson’s concerns, including temporary business licenses would not change the uses allowed in the various zoning districts; lack of standards and legal exposure as well as others.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: HOWARD BRIGGS, said he was in favor of temporary businesses being allowed. He suggested granting licenses, which could be in effect for up to a six-month period. THERE BEING NO FURTHER TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

MR. TAYLOR said they could look into expanding the types of licenses available, (examples: Type A = 3 months; Type B = 6 months). He offered to review the document again, add more specifics, and return it back to the Commissioner’s with another draft during their February 18th Commissioner Agenda. COMMISSIONER COE questioned if the amendment was necessary, and was worried about targeting specific activity. He suggested forwarding the amendment to the Planning Commission for their review and comment. COMMISSIONER HUSTON said he did not have any issue
forwarding the issue onto the Planning Commission, as there were many questions that remained unanswered.

**MOTION**

**TEMPORARY BUSINESS LICENSE**

**COMM. DEV. SERVICES**

**COMMISSIONER HUSTON** moved to continue the public hearing until Tuesday February 18, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, Ellensburg, Washington, and at that time consider forwarding the amendments on to the Planning Commission for their review. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. Motion carried 2-0. The Board noted the record would remain open.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**KITITITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Julie A. Kjorsvik

Perry D. Huston, Vice-Chairman