

**KITTITAS COUNTY
CDS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109 - ELLENSBURG
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

March 25, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED FIREWORKS CODE AMENDMENTS

Director Carlson briefed the board with the current code regarding the discharge of fireworks. Currently in Code Section 9.30.035, there is 5 danger components that have to be met before the Fire Marshal can put a band on fireworks. As it stands, fireworks are only allowed on July 4 and December 31. The proposed admendments would allow the Fire Marshal to authorize ignition or discharge of fireworks on other days and times dependent on fire danger and subject to firework permit approval.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED IWUIC MODIFICATION CRITERIA CODE AMENDMENTS

Director Carlson briefed the board on the proposed International Wildland-Urban- Interface Code amendments that was compiled from the WUIC committee. The topics focused were:

- Soffit Vents; Cal-Fire Approved or Independent Lab Tested
- Defensible Space; A clump of trees may be considered to be one tree for the purpose of meeting the 10-foot separation requirement. A minimum of 10 feet of separation is provided between the structure and all trees and vegetation. Trees within the clump shall be native to the local area. The maximum number of tress in any given clump shall be limited to three. Trees within a clump shall be within a 15-foot diameter of each other as measured on the outside of the tree trunks. Any other tree spacing and separation requirements may be approved by the code official. A covenant shall be required for all new land divisions resulting in more than 10 lots that require all future landowners.
- Technical assistance; would clarify that only federal fire agency or fire marshal's office, a state fire agency or fire marshal office, a public university with an accredited program in Fire Sciences, or a certified scientific and

objective testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratories or CSA Group Testing and Certification Inc.

DISCUSSION REGARDING DRAFT WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AREAS MAP

Director Carlson presented draft WUI Proposed maps to the board for input. He stated the current WUI map was adopted in 2013 and paint-brushed the majority of the county in an IR1 (extreme hazard). Director Carlson stated that he plans to draft a press release and hold multiple open-houses to gain community input before bringing to the board for adoption.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

Meeting adjourn at 1:55 p.m.

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Calvana Carper, Clerk



Cory Wright, Chairman