

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASCO

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF )  
AN ORDINANCE PROTECTING ACCEPTED )  
RESOURCE USES. )

THE WASCO COUNTY COURT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance may be cited as the Wasco  
County Resource Use Protection Ordinance.

Section 2 PURPOSE.

(1) It is the purpose of this Ordinance to protect resource based economically productive activities of Wasco County in order to assure the continued health, safety and prosperity of its residents. Resource uses sometimes offend, annoy, interfere with or otherwise affect others located on or near resource lands. Wasco County has concluded that persons located on or near resource lands must accept the conditions commonly associated with accepted resource uses.

(2) This Ordinance is intended to limit the availability of remedies based on nuisance or trespass, complaint procedures, rights of action and claims for relief over which Wasco County has jurisdiction, when they otherwise would either have an adverse impact on resource uses which Wasco County seeks to protect, or would impair full use of the resource base within Wasco County.

Section 3 DEFINITIONS. As used in this Ordinance:

(1) "FACILITY" means any real or personal property, including appurtenances thereto and fixtures thereon, associated with a given use.

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(2) "FARMING PRACTICE" means the cultivation, growing, harvesting, processing or selling of plants or animals of any kind, which lawfully may be grown, possessed and sold, including but not limited to fish, livestock, poultry, grapes, cherries, apples, pears, wheat, barley, Christmas trees and nursery stock.

(3) "FOREST PRACTICE" has the meaning given that term by ORS 527.620.

(4) "NONRESOURCE USE" means any facility, activity or other use of land which does not constitute a resource use, including but not limited to residential use.

(5) "RESOURCE USE" means any current or future generally accepted farming, ranching or forest practice or facility conducted in compliance with applicable Wasco County Land Use Ordinances.

(6) "GENERALLY ACCEPTED" means either:

(a) A practice or facility which is conducted or used in compliance with applicable federal and state laws; or

(b) If there is no applicable federal or state law, a practice or facility which an average person in Wasco County who is a grower or producer regularly involved in the same type of resource use would reasonably expect to occur or exist in a rural setting. The Wasco County Court may, as it deems necessary, establish resource user peer review boards consisting of five (5) persons who regularly are involved in

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1 a resource use within the County, three of whom regularly  
2 are involved in the same type of resource use in question,  
3 to advise the Court as to generally accepted practices or  
4 facilities with respect to that resource use.

5 (7) "RESOURCE USE" does not include:

6 (a) The willful growing or unlawful, infested, infected or  
7 diseased plants or animals.

8 (b) Trespass which involves actual physical intrusion onto  
9 the property of another by a person or by a person's animals.

10 Section 4 PROTECTING RESOURCE USES OUTSIDE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY.

11 (1) No resource use occurring outside an urban growth boundary  
12 (UGB) shall be declared to be a public or private nuisance or  
13 trespass, or support any complaint procedure, or give rise to a  
14 claim for relief in favor of, or to protect the interests of,  
15 nonresource uses or any persons or property associated  
16 therewith, to the extent that such right, proceeding or claim  
17 would arise under an Ordinance or the inherent authority of  
18 Wasco County.

19 (2) This section applies regardless of:

20 (a) The location of the purportedly affected nonresource  
21 use.

22 (b) Whether the nonresource use purportedly affected  
23 existed before or after the occurrence of the resource use.

24 (c) Whether the resource use or nonresource use has  
25 undergone any change or interruption.

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(d) Whether the resource use or nonresource use is located inside or outside an area designated as secondary resource lands.

Section 5 PROTECTING RESOURCE USES WITHIN URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY.

(1) No resource use occurring within an urban growth boundary (UGB) shall be declared to be a public or private nuisance or trespass, or support any complaint procedure, or give rise to a claim for relief in favor of, or to protect the interests of, nonresource uses or any persons or property associated therewith, to the extent that such right, proceeding or claim would arise under an Ordinance or the inherent authority of Wasco County.

(2) This section applies:

(a) Regardless of the location of the purportedly affected nonresource use.

(b) Only if the resource use predated the purportedly affected nonresource use.

(c) Only if the resource use has not significantly increased in size or intensity after (A) the effective date of this Ordinance, or (B) the date on which the applicable urban growth boundary is changed to include the subject resource use within its limits, whichever date is later. However, if the change is mandated by law, this section shall apply.

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1 Section 6 CHANGE IN URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY. To the extent  
2 permissible under state law, if an urban growth boundary (UGB) is  
3 changed in such a way as to place a resource use either inside or  
4 outside such boundary, Section 4 of this Ordinance applies with  
5 respect to any conflict between a resource use and nonresource use.

6 Section 7 LAND USE DECISIONS. The fact that Wasco County's  
7 Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinances and land use decisions may  
8 allow the siting, development or support of any particular use does  
9 not negate the provisions of this Ordinance intended to protect a  
10 resource use.

11 Section 8 COMPLAINTS BY NONRESOURCE USERS. Any persons engaged  
12 in a nonresource use are deemed on notice that Wasco County will not  
13 act on complaints involving a resource use protected under this  
14 Ordinance, wherever located, so long as such resource use complies  
15 with applicable provisions of federal and state laws and this  
16 Ordinance.

17 Section 9 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any portion of this Ordinance  
18 is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision  
19 shall apply only with respect to the specific portion held invalid by  
20 the decision. It is the intent of Wasco County that the remaining  
21 portions of this Ordinance continue in full force and effect.

22 Section 10 EMERGENCY CLAUSE. This Ordinance being immediately  
23 necessary for the preservation of the public well being, an emergency  
24 is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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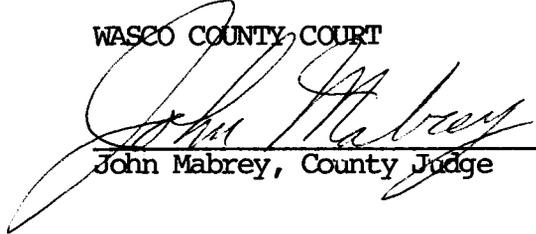
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Regularly passed and adopted by unanimous vote of all members of  
the County Court of the County of Wasco, State of Oregon, present on  
this day.

DONE AND DATED this 7th day of October, 1992.

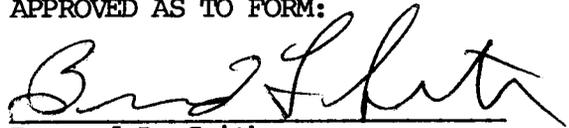
WASCO COUNTY COURT

  
John Mabrey, County Judge

Scott McKay, County Commissioner

  
C.E. Filbin, County Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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