

**WASCO COUNTY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
WASCO COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the WASCO COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE will conduct a public Hearing on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, beginning at 3:00 pm in the handicap accessible Gorge Discovery Center, Classroom (lower level), 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon 97058. The agenda includes the following topics:

PLEASE NOTE: THE PUBLIC HEARING IS APPLICABLE TO ALL OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN PROXIMITY TO AREAS DESIGNATED AS AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD IN WASCO COUNTY.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING:

Wasco County proposal to amend Chapter 22 – Flood Damage Prevention of the Land Use and Development Ordinances in the County, as well as the National Scenic Area. The purposes of these amendments are to: 1) Update the Ordinances so that they comply with current FEMA regulations pertaining to development within the an Area of Special Flood Hazard, 2) Reorganize and restructure the ordinances to make it easier for the administrator of the ordinances and the public to understand and implement the applicable provisions, and 3) include new provisions in the ordinances to clarify the regulations and / or are thought to be beneficial to the citizens of the county. Ordinance Changes will include Chapter 1 – Definitions, Chapter 3 – Basic Provisions, and Chapter 22 – Flood Damage Prevention. Additionally, minor revisions are being proposed to Chapter 2 – Physical Characteristics and Chapter 15 – Goals and Policies of the Wasco County Comprehensive Plan.

PLEASE NOTE:

-Proposed amendments are available online at: www.co.wasco.or.us/planning/planhome.html
A link to the Flood Plain Update Amendments is located in the upper left hand corner.

- If you cannot attend the hearing but wish to provide comments you may do so in writing at the address listed above or by email at the website listed above prior to 4:00 PM on February 17th, 2010. Comments received by the Planning Department after this will not be included in the packet but will be provided at the hearing. Comments, testimony and evidence must be directed toward the listed review criteria or the proposed amendments. Questions and comments should be directed to: Gary Nychyk, Senior Planner, at (541) 506-2560.

- Any report used at the hearing shall be available for inspection at no cost at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Copies of the all documents, reports and evidence relied upon are available on our website or for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost at the Planning Department Office.

-This is the first hearing. There will be a minimum of one additional hearing. You may participate at any time in this process prior to the final decision by the Wasco County Court. Notice of the final hearing will only be provided to those who submitted written comments or who testified at the March 2, 2010 Planning Commission Hearing. Please contact the Planning Department or go to the website listed above for the date and time of this hearing

The meeting facility is handicapped accessible, and language interpreters are available with one week notice. Please call (541) 506-2560 Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., if you need special accommodations to attend the meeting.

Dated at The Dalles, Oregon on December 17th, 2009.

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