



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING before the Benton County Planning Commission, in the matter of the proposed 2021 annual amendments to the Benton County Comprehensive Plan; pursuant to Washington State Planning Law RCW 36.70A.130.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public comment will be taken on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Benton County Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., **in the Meeting Room on the first floor of the Courthouse, 620 Market Street, Prosser WA. The entry to the meeting room is located off Main Street on the East side of the Courthouse.** (See below for more information). Proposed amendments are as follows:

CPA 2022-001 - A proposal by Vicki Brock, requesting a change in the land use designation from Rural Industrial to Rural Remote on six parcels located north of E Cochran Rd and east of S Finley Rd in the Finley rural area of unincorporated Benton County, in the northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 8 North, Range 30 East, W.M. on parcel #'s 123802012006001, 123802012006002, 123802012157001, 123802012157002, 123802000014000, and 123802000017000.

CPA 2022-002 - A proposal by Thomas Fisher and Randall Underwood requesting a change in the land use designation from Rural Remote to Rural Industrial on three (3) contiguous parcels located north of SR 397 and west of S Yew Street, east of the Kennewick City Limits in Sections 5 & 8, Township 8 North, Range 30 East, W.M. parcel #'s 105803012350003, 105803012350002, and 108801020004003.

CPA 2022-003 - A proposal by Jerritt Wisser and Watson Development Limited et al requesting a change in the land use designation from Rural Commercial to Rural Industrial on seven (7) parcels located off Wisser Loop and Wisser Parkway in Section 11, Township 8 North, Range 28 East, W.M. parcel #'s 111881020000007 through 111881020000012 and 111881020000014.

CPA amendments 2022-001, 002, and 003 will also require modifications to Appendix A, Figure 5-dated June 8, 2021 - the 2017 Periodic Update Land Use Designation Map.

CPA 2022-004 - A proposal by the Benton County Planning Division to include maps and text edits to the Benton County Comprehensive plan designating the existing Urban Growth Area boundaries of the five incorporated cities within Benton County. The additional maps will be included within Appendix A-Map Folios.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments have been reviewed under the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act and Determinations of Non-Significance (DNS) were issued on January 27, 2022, for CPA 2022-001 through CPA 2022-

004. Accordingly, Environmental Impact Statements were not required on any of these proposals. Any comments regarding these determinations and the environmental impacts of the proposals can be made at the Planning Commission Hearing using the method noted below or in writing to the Benton County Planning Division by 3 p.m. on Monday March 7, 2022.

In an effort to continue to provide public access to the Planning Commission meetings, Benton County will be **providing both in person, telephonic and video access for the public** to view and provide testimony at the Planning Commission meetings. **A map to the meeting room will be posted on our website at the link below.** If you choose to join the meeting telephonically, we ask that you please limit background noise or mute your line to prevent any unnecessary interruption to the meeting. To find information on virtual attendance options, including streaming video, WebEx video conferencing and telephone, please visit www.tinyurl.com/BCPublicNotice.

If you wish to provide comments via WebEx on the proposal before the Planning Commission, we ask that you please fill out our online form (found at <https://tinyurl.com/testifyform>) and submit your request to our office. **You must submit a request form to participate for each hearing that you wish to attend.** If you prefer to make the request by phone, please call our office at 786-5612 and we can add you to the list for providing testimony. At the meeting the names of those wishing to testify will be called out and at that time you will be able to present your comments/concerns regarding the specific agenda item.

Comments regarding the proposed amendments or SEPA determinations of the proposals may also be submitted in writing to the Benton County Planning Division; P.O. Box 910, Prosser, WA 99350 or via email to planning.department@co.benton.wa.us. No individual with a disability shall be denied the benefit of participating in such meetings. If you wish to use auxiliary aids or require assistance to comment at a public meeting, please contact the Benton County Planning Division at least ten days prior to the meeting date to make arrangements for special needs.

At this hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend approval, or disapproval of the amendments to the Benton County Board of Commissioners. All parties concerned may present any support or objections for the applications per the instructions above. Information concerning the applications can be obtained at the Benton County Planning Division, by calling 736-3086 (Tri-Cities) or 786-5612 (Prosser).

Dated this 17th day of February 2022.

Martin Sheeran, Chairman
Benton County Planning Commission

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