

PEND OREILLE COUNTY
NEWPORT, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1

AN ORDINANCE OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON EXTENDING UP TO AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS THE MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, LOCATION, PERMITTING, LICENSING, OR OPERATION OF MARIJUANA RETAIL SALE FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2016 the County Commissioners of Pend Oreille County adopted ordinance 2016-1 establishing a moratorium on the establishment, location, permitting, licensing, or operation of marijuana retail sales facilities: and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2016 the County Commissioners of Pend Oreille County adopted ordinance 2016-2 extending the moratorium for an additional six months on the establishment, location, permitting, licensing, or operation of marijuana retail sales facilities: and

WHEREAS, the Pend Oreille County Planning Commission has reviewed draft amendments to the County Development Regulations governing marijuana facilities in the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has conducted a joint SEPA/GMA review of the proposed amendments to the County Development Regulations governing marijuana facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on December 13th, 2016 that was continued to January 10, 2017 to receive public comments on the draft amendments; and

WHEREAS, based on the comments received the Planning Commission has forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners their recommended amendments to the County Development Regulations governing marijuana facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a public hearing on Tuesday January 24, 2017 to receive comments on the amendments recommended by the Planning Commission and the possible extension of the moratorium on the sales of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners would like to make sure that there is adequate time to review the Planning Commission recommendation and to consider public comments received at the January 24, 2017 public hearing; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the moratorium would provide the additional time desired to review the record before taking action.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Pend Oreille County Commissioners ordain as follows:

1. The above recitations are hereby adopted as Findings of Fact.
2. The moratorium on the establishment, location, permitting, licensing, or operation of marijuana retail sales facilities in unincorporated Pend Oreille County is hereby extended.
3. While this moratorium remains in effect, no application for a building permit, conditional use permit, variance, or any other development permit or approval for a use or facility associated with the retail sales of marijuana shall be accepted for processing by any County department.
4. The extension of this moratorium shall be effective immediately and the moratorium shall remain in full force and effect for six months from the date of adoption, unless terminated sooner by action of the Board of County Commissioners.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2017.

PEND OREILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Karen Skoog, Chair

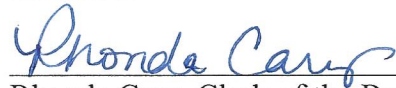


Stephen Kiss, Vice Chair



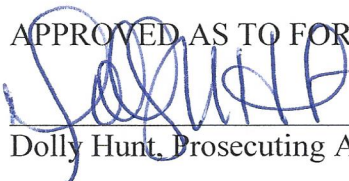
Mike Manus, Member

ATTEST:



Rhonda Cary, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Dolly Hunt, Prosecuting Attorney