

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of Special Meeting March 8, 2020
Peshastin Memorial Hall

A Special Meeting of the Peshastin Community Council was convened for the sole purpose of providing input and feedback to Commissioner Bob Bugert regarding draft document titled "Chelan County Short-term (Vacation) Rentals, Proposed Code Conditions, 18 February, 2020 (attached). No other subjects were discussed, and no action was taken.

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Cheryl Parsley, Doug Clarke, Patricia Ortiz, Steve Keene, Stan Winters

Council member absent, excused: Leticia Vizcaino

Chelan County Commissioner: Bob Bugert

The meeting was called to order at 3:56 p.m by chair Lauri Malmquist.

Commissioner Bugert explained that Burke Consulting has been hired by Chelan County to assist with drafting code regarding short term rentals, specifically for unincorporated areas of Chelan County. Code will be developed after a period of research is completed; the county prosecuting attorney will be kept updated throughout the process.

There was discussion regarding the need to treat short term rentals as a business/commercial enterprise when considering location. Regulations need to take into account agricultural practices, e.g. include appropriate setback from agricultural uses (100 feet at least).

Items for consideration: if a property is used as a business, then a CUP process is not necessary in each instance. Each short term rental business would need a business license for Chelan County, and one for Washington State. Each short term rental business would need a registration number that is always used for all transactions related to that business.

Establish a set number of short term rentals allowable in the county. How is this number to be determined? Current county population estimate is approximately 77,000 inhabitants, with a density of approximately 2.3 inhabitants per household.

It was noted that any short term rental needs to be in compliance with county building codes.

Any changes to the Peshastin UGA document need to be in synchrony with the Chelan County code. Currently businesses such as nightly rentals are only allowed in the commercial zones.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary