

DATE: November 24, 2023

TO: Parties of Record and Interested Agencies

FROM: Olivia Story, Yakima County Planning Division

SUBJ: Case Numbers: LRN2019-00010/SEP2022-00003 – Agritourism
Notice of Public Hearing Date

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

Parcel Numbers: County Wide

Proposal: The Board of Yakima County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold two open record public hearings on the following:

Agritourism: Yakima County Code (YCC) Development Regulation Text Amendment to amend YCC 8.10 Outdoor Festival Regulations, YCC 19.01.070 Definitions, YCC 19.14-1 Allowable Land Use Table, YCC 19.18.060 Agricultural Tourist Operations, and add 19.18.500 Wineries, Breweries, and Distilleries as a new section. The text amendments will clarify the current regulations. This proposal will make it easier for applicants to anticipate what is included in the permits process and requirements while adhering to the framework of the state's Growth Management Act ensuring continued protection for agricultural zones and support for rural communities and tourist industries.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearings are scheduled before the Board of Yakima County Commissioners on **December 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and at 5:30p.m.**, or as soon thereafter. The public hearings will be conducted in person and virtually using the Zoom conferencing platform. The location of the in person public hearing is the BOCC Basement Conference Room, Room 33B, 128 N. 2nd Street, Yakima, WA. Persons interested in attending the hearing virtually can join the meeting via the Zoom link and/or telephone number below:

Participants, please join the meeting at **10:00 a.m.** via the Zoom link or telephone number below. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94084501212?pwd=Q1VNdGVFcmJaTW9ORzREUUtlWWt2Zz09>

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Please note that the second hearing on this matter will be held the same day at 5:30 p.m. For the second hearing, please join the meeting at **5:30 p.m.** via the Zoom link or telephone number below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82658399592?pwd=WpBEfHt6wTF0u1mZC5pXKcp0NnWjK8.1>

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PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Your views on the proposal are welcome, and any person may provide written comments related to the proposal. Written comments may be emailed to longrangeplanning@co.yakima.wa.us or mailed to Yakima County Planning Division, 128 N. 2nd Street, 4th Floor Courthouse, Yakima, WA 98901. You may also send written comments via email to: julie.lawrence@co.yakima.wa.us; via fax to: 574-1501; or via mail to: Board of County Commissioners, Yakima County Courthouse, 128 North Second Street, Yakima, WA 98901. Be sure to reference the file numbers of the proposed amendment in your correspondence.

The Yakima County Courthouse Basement, Room 33B, Conference Room 2 is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate the needs of special classes of citizens, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving advance notice. This public hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. To submit comments, request the documents in an alternate format, or arrange accommodations with at least one-week notice, please contact Julie Lawrence, Clerk of the Board at (509) 574-1500 or the ADA Coordinator at Yakima County no later than five (5) working days prior to the date service is needed.

Copies of the application and staff report are available at <https://www.yakimacounty.us/2734/BOCC-Work-Session-Binder>. If you have any questions on these proposals, please contact the Long Range Planning Division at 509-574-2300 or longrangeplanning@co.yakima.wa.us.

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If this letter pertains to a meeting and you need special accommodations, please call us at 509-574-2300 by 10:00 a.m. three days prior to the meeting. For TDD users, please use the State's toll free relay service 1-800-833-6388 and ask the operator to dial 509-574-2300.