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## SPECIAL USES AND STANDARDS

## 4 19.18.060 Agricultural Tourist Operations.

5 (1) Legislative Intent. Agricultural Tourist Operations (ATOs), as defined in Section 19.01.070  
6 and allowed under RCW 36.70A.177, ~~and accessory sales of items promoting the agricultural~~  
7 ~~tourist operation,~~ are considered to be agricultural accessory uses and a component of a strong  
8 agricultural economy. This Section is intended to provide standards to ensure that the physical  
9 development of tourist operations and public education in farming areas enables business  
10 diversification that supports, promotes, and sustains agricultural operations and production.  
11 ~~Therefore, Agricultural Tourist Operations~~ ATO's are defined as retail, and destination, or  
12 ~~resort operations and that~~ are subject to the following minimum requirements to protect  
13 agricultural land of long-term commercial significance, ensure the operation is accessory to a  
14 principal agricultural use, and located~~ion~~, designed~~ed~~, and operationed~~ed so~~ that ~~does~~ not interfere  
15 with, and supports the continuation of, the overall agricultural use of the property and  
16 neighboring properties.

17 (2) Additional Accessory Uses. The ATO Retail or Destination/Resort may include the following:

18 (a) ~~Food Service. Food services associated with a use or activity allowed pursuant to this~~  
19 ~~Section are those services which are incidental or accessory to a permitted use or value-~~  
20 ~~added food items produced from agricultural products grown on the applicant's farm and~~  
21 ~~may include sales of ancillary prepackaged foods or beverages that are not prepared on the~~

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1        ~~premises for on-site consumption. Food handling is subject to a license from the Yakima~~  
2        ~~Health District and may require a commercial kitchen meeting YCC Title 13 standards,~~  
3        ~~depending on the specific conditions of the development authorization and the food service~~  
4        ~~offered. Food Service. The ATO Retail or Destination/Resort may include a restaurant~~  
5        ~~and/or a commercial kitchen developed as an accessory use to the ATO may serve meals~~  
6        ~~to the general public., subject to Yakima Health District licensing requirements, meeting~~  
7        ~~the Building and Fire Life and Safety requirements of YCC Title 13.~~

8        (b) Educational Services. ~~The ATO Retail or Destination/Resort may include~~ Education  
9        services located on a farm shall be a subordinate element of the operation of an ongoing  
10      agricultural activity as defined by RCW 84.34.020(2).

11      (c) ~~Events (Ancillary Entertainment/Special Events)~~. The ATO Retail or Destination/Resort  
12      may include Events (Ancillary entertainment/special events), including but not limited to  
13      weddings/receptions, catered functions and small musical events weddings, receptions,  
14      meetings, seminars, and retreats shall be sized and conditioned consistent with the  
15      character of permitted activities and uses. ~~The Reviewing Official shall place a limit on the~~  
16      ~~number of occupants or size of indoor and outdoor events allowed. Capacity is limited by~~  
17      ~~building occupancy and parking limitations.~~ Events are an expected component of an ATO  
18      and shall be permissible under these regulations without applying for additional Special  
19      Occasion Permits. For Events where the predicted total number of persons on the site is  
20      will be five hundred persons or more at any point in time, a Festival Permit shall be  
21      obtained under YCC Title 8.10.

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2 (d) Commercial Uses. The ATO Retail or Destination/Resort may include Accessory  
3 accessory uses include-including those which support, promote, or sustain agricultural  
4 operations and production as a secondary, subordinate, and/or supplemental element of the  
5 operation of an ongoing agricultural activity as defined by RCW 84.34.020(2). Accessory  
6 commercial or retail uses shall predominantly sell regionally produced agricultural  
7 products from one or more producers, products derived from regional agricultural  
8 production, agriculturally related experiences, ~~or~~ products produced on-site, merchandise  
9 including, but not limited to gifts stores and art galleries, or the production, marketing, and  
10 distribution of value-added agricultural products. Accessory commercial retail uses shall  
11 ~~offer for sale products or services produced on-site and/or limited items promoting the~~  
12 ~~ATO.~~

13 (3) General Requirements. ~~All types of Agricultural Tourist Operations~~The ATO Retail or  
14 Destination/Resort shall:

15 (a) Be consistent with the intent of this Section;

16 (b) Be operated by the owner, operator, or occupant of the farming use;

17 (c) Comply with specific provisions applicable to the type of ~~agricultural tourist operation~~ATO  
18 in this Section;

19 (d) Be subject to, and limited by the appropriate licensing standards of the Yakima Health  
20 District where food handling is required; and

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- 1        (e) Be located on a farm consisting of one or more contiguous parcels with at least  
2        ~~five~~~~three~~~~one~~ producing acres ~~in the crops or products sold used in the retail~~  
3        ~~product approved ATO; in an agricultural operation;~~
  
- 4        (f) Locate and design the ATO accessory facilities ~~or structures~~ and permanent ~~or overflow~~  
5        parking so they will not interfere with agricultural operations on the site of the proposed  
6        use or on nearby properties; Temporary overflow parking for events may be approved in  
7        other areas of the property if determined not to interfere with existing agricultural  
8        operations.
  
- 9        (g) Not locate non-agricultural accessory uses and activities, including new buildings,  
10        parking or supportive uses, outside the general area already developed for buildings and  
11        residential uses and shall not otherwise convert more than one acre of agricultural land to  
12        nonagricultural uses;
  
- 13        (h) Have adequate access from a county road consistent with the standards under Chapter  
14        19.23. ATOs that share a private road must submit a road maintenance agreement at the  
15        time of application signed by all legal property owners or their designees. Without the road  
16        maintenance agreement, ~~the~~an application will be considered incomplete; and
  
- 17        (i) Provide ~~sufficient~~ detailed information with applications proposing phased development  
18        of an ATO to enable the ~~County~~county, agencies, and adjoining property owners to  
19        consider all aspects of the project at full build-out. ~~Changes to an approved ATO that result~~

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1        ~~in new uses that were not considered in the original approval are subject to the level of~~  
2        ~~review for the requested change.~~

3        (j) Meet all applicable Building and Fire Life and Safety permit requirements of YCC Title 13.

4        ~~(4) Agricultural Tourist Operation – Retail.~~

5        ~~(a) Events (Ancillary Entertainment/Special Events). Indoor event facilities shall be no larger~~  
6        ~~than 1,500 square feet.~~

7        ~~(b) Food Service. The sale of food that is incidental or accessory to a permitted use or value-~~  
8        ~~added food items produced from agricultural products grown on the applicant's farm may~~  
9        ~~be provided. Food service may include sales of ancillary prepackaged foods or beverages~~  
10        ~~that are not prepared on the premises for on-site consumption. Food service in the Retail~~  
11        ~~ATO is subject to Yakima Health District licensing requirements and no permanent~~  
12        ~~commercial kitchen is permitted. Food service shall only be served by licensed food~~  
13        ~~vendors and shall be restricted to the events.~~

14        ~~(c) Commercial Uses. Accessory commercial retail uses may sell products or services~~  
15        ~~produced onsite and/or limited items promoting the ATO.~~

16        ~~(5e4) Agricultural Tourist Operation – Destination/Resort. A Destination/Resort ATO ~~is one that~~  
17        ~~consists of an assortment of uses over and above any~~includes all the uses associated with Retail~~

18        ATO, but may also include: overnight Lodging Facilities.

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1       (a) Events (Ancillary Entertainment/Special Events). Indoor event facilities shall be no  
2       larger than 7,500 square feet.

3       (b) Food Service. Food may also be served to registered guests staying at overnight lodging  
4       facilities or boarding houses approved under subsection (7) below, or as provided as part  
5       of a specific event or class (e.g. wedding or seminar) subject to Yakima Health District  
6       licensing requirements, including a commercial kitchen meeting YCC Title 13 standards if  
7       required. the Building and Fire, Life and Safety requirements of (c) Commercial Uses.  
8       Other commercial uses directly related to the ATO may be allowed, such as gift stores, art  
9       galleries or the like.

10      (dfa) Overnight Lodging Facilities Boarding or Lodging Houses. The ATO  
11      Destination/Resort may include Overnight Lodging Facilities, to include stick built units,  
12      recreational vehicles, and membrane structures (teepees, yurts, or tents) and boarding or  
13      lodging houses are allowed as accessory uses to the ATO are allowed as accessory uses to  
14      the ATO. if they meet the following additional requirements: shall be limited to 12  
15      overnight accommodations, as provided in subsection (7) below.

16      (6) Agricultural Tourist Operation Resort. A Resort ATO is one that consists of an assortment  
17      of uses over and above any uses associated with Retail or Destination ATO but may include:

18       (a) Ancillary Entertainment/Special Events. Indoor and outdoor event facilities are not  
19       limited in size; provided the proposed facility conforms to the requirements set forth in  
20       subsection (3)(g) above.

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1       (b) ~~Food Service. A restaurant developed as an accessory use to the Resort ATO may serve~~

2       ~~meals to the general public, subject to Yakima Health District licensing requirements,~~

3       ~~including a commercial kitchen meeting YCC Title 13 standards.~~

4       (c) ~~Commercial Uses. Other commercial uses directly related to the ATO may be allowed,~~

5       ~~such as gift stores, art galleries or the like.~~

6       (d) ~~Overnight Lodging Facilities and Boarding or Lodging Houses. Overnight lodging~~

7       ~~facilities and boarding or lodging houses may include more than 12 overnight~~

8       ~~accommodations, as provided in subsection (7) below.~~

9       (7) ~~Accessory Overnight Lodging Facilities and Boarding or Lodging Houses. Overnight lodging~~

10       ~~facilities and boarding or lodging houses are subject to additional requirements when~~

11       ~~proposed within an Agricultural Tourist Operation:~~

12       (a) ~~Overnight Lodging Facilities and Boarding or Lodging Houses. Overnight lodging~~

13       ~~facilities and boarding or lodging houses as defined in Section 19.01.070 shall be subject~~

14       ~~to the following conditions:~~

15       (i) ~~Facilities proposed within the Agriculture (AG) zone shall only be considered when~~

16       ~~being proposed as an accessory use to a Destination or Resort Agricultural Tourist~~

17       ~~Operation.~~

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1        (iig) ~~In all allowed zones, such facilities being proposed as an accessory use to a~~

2        ~~Destination/Resort Agricultural Tourist Operation shall be limited to 12 overnight~~  
3        ~~accommodations.~~

4        ~~(iii) The facilities and permanent parking shall be located and designed so they will not~~  
5        ~~interfere with agricultural operations on the site of the proposed use or on nearby~~  
6        ~~properties.~~

7        (ivh~~b~~) The facilities and permanent parking shall be located within the general area already  
8        developed for buildings and residential uses, shall be located and designed so they will not  
9        interfere with agricultural operations on the site of the proposed use or on nearby  
10        properties, and shall not convert more than one acre of agricultural land to nonagricultural  
11        uses. Temporary overflow parking for events may be approved in other areas of the  
12        property if determined not to interfere with existing agricultural operations.

13        (id~~b~~) Membrane Structures. The use of a membrane structure, such as a tepee ~~or~~ yurt ~~or~~ tent  
14        that meets the following criteria may be allowed in conjunction with approval of an  
15        overnight lodging facility ~~or boarding or lodging house~~. The membrane structure:

16        (Ai) Shall be placed on a permanent foundation or pad. The type of pad will be  
17        determined based on the proposed membrane structure in accordance with  
18        Building and Fire Life Safety requirements set forth in YCC Title 13;

19        (ii) ~~Is not a camping unit or recreational vehicle as defined in Section 19.01.070;~~

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(Biii) Shall meet~~Meets~~ the current building code and Yakima Health Department requirements for transient accommodations; and

(Civ) Does not contain indoor cooking facilities.

(f) Recreational Vehicles. Recreational vehicles, such as a travel trailer or motor home may be allowed in conjunction with approval of an overnight lodging facility under the following criteria:

(Ai) Be placed on a dedicated space adequately designed to accommodate the recreational vehicle being used; and

(Bii) If the recreational vehicle has either a functioning washroom and/or kitchen the vehicle must be connected to both a potable water system and sanitary sewer facilities; and

(iiiE) If the recreational vehicle(s) used does not have a functioning washroom and/or kitchen the ATO operator must provide ADA compatible washroom facilities and potable water stations to accommodate all overnight guests; and

(ivD) Recreational vehicles are regulated by the Washington State Labor and Industries as vehicles, not as structures to be used as transient accommodations.  
Yakima County lacks any authority to inspect or verify the operational or safety  
status or condition of a recreational vehicle whether used as a vehicle or as an  
overnight lodging facility. Therefore, prior to permit approval for an overnight

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1                   lodging facility utilizing recreational vehicles for lodging, the ATO operator must  
2                   sign a liability waiver that assumes full responsibility for all injuries and/or death  
3                   to those using said recreational vehicle and releases Yakima County from  
4                   negligence to the full extent permitted by law.

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