

BLAINE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING on August 3, 2021

REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF:

Blaine County to Revise Title 9, Chapter 19,
regarding Wetland Overlay District

Staff Report

By: Allison Kennedy
Date: July 23, 2021

**I. REGARDING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE REGULATIONS
INITIATED BY BLAINE COUNTY:**

Zoning Regulations – Text Amendments related to Wetland Overlay District. A public hearing was held to consider county-initiated amendments to Blaine County Code, Title 9, Chapter 19 Wetland Overlay District; Section 2-Definitions, Section 5-Conditional Uses, and Section 6-Development standards.

II. APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:

(Included below or made a part hereof by reference)

- Idaho Code, Title 67, Chapter 65, Local Land Use Planning Act
- Blaine County Code, Title 8, Comprehensive Plan
- Blaine County Code, Title 9, Zoning Regulations, Chapter 31, Amendments

III. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. The Board initiated this text amendment on April 13, 2021. The Planning and Zoning Commission held public hearing on May 27, 2021, recommending approval
2. **Notice of the August 3, 2021**, hearing was provided as follows:
 - 1) Published in the Idaho Mountain Express on July 14, 2021;
 - 2) Public service announcement request to area media sent July 19, 2021;
 - 3) Sent to all Blaine County political subdivisions on July 12, 2021;
 - 4) Posted in at least five (5) public places on July 12, 2021, as evidenced by affidavit in file;
 - 5) Letter to Area of City Impact July 1, 2021; and
 - 6) The draft of the proposed amendments was made available on the county web site on May 31, 2021.

► **Motion:** Upon motion by Commissioner [REDACTED], second by Commissioner [REDACTED], and by a vote of [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], the Commission finds notice to be in compliance with applicable regulations, I.C. §67-6509 and §9-31-4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

3. **Exhibits:** The following exhibits are attached by reference:
- A-1 P&Z Commission Findings & Recommendation
 - A-2 DRAFT Amendments to Title 9, Chapter 19, Wetland Overlay District, as recommended by the P&Z Commission

IV. GENERAL TEXT AMENDMENT CRITERIA FOR TITLE 9

A. Idaho Code §67-6511(a) and Blaine County Code §9.31.4 (A):

Commission shall evaluate the facts and circumstances of the proposed to determine:

- *The nature and extent of the amendment;*
- *The reasons therefor;*
- *Whether it is in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan;*
- *The effects on potable water sources; and,*
- *The impacts of the proposal upon the delivery of services by any political subdivision providing services, including school districts, within the County.*

► **Staff Comment:** Please refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission’s Findings of Fact and Recommendation (Exhibit A-1) for a full review and the P&Z Commission’s findings on each criterion.

B. Idaho Code §67-6511(b) and Blaine County Code §9.31.4 (B):

If the proposal is in conformance with the Plan and it is found that the proposal will not result in demonstrable adverse impacts upon the delivery of services, the Commission may recommend adoption of the amendment.

C. Idaho Code §67-6511(c) and Blaine County Code §9.31.4 (C):

If the proposal is not in conformance with the Plan, or will result in demonstrable adverse impacts upon the delivery of services, the Commission may consider whether it is appropriate to amend the Comprehensive Plan. Notice procedures provided in Idaho Code Section 67-6509 must be adhered to in recommending an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

► **Staff Comment:** The P&Z Commission found the proposal to be in accordance with the Plan. Therefore, no amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is needed.

V. GENERAL TEXT AMENDMENT CRITERIA

Idaho Code §67-6528, Applicability of Ordinances:

“The state of Idaho, and all its agencies, boards, departments, institutions, and local special purpose districts, shall comply with all plans and ordinances adopted under this chapter unless otherwise provided by law. In adoption and implementation of the plan and ordinances, the governing board or commission shall take into account the plans and needs of the state of Idaho and all agencies, boards, departments, institutions, and local special purpose districts. ...”

Staff Comment: The P & Z Commission found that the proposal complied. Public notice of the proposed amendments was sent to political subdivisions.

V. DECISION OPTIONS

The Board shall enter its written decision recommending for or against the proposed amendment at the conclusion of the noticed public hearing, or at its next regularly scheduled commission meeting after the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon approval of an amendment as recommended by the commission or as revised by the Board, the Board shall pass an ordinance, making said amendment a part of this title.

(If approved, staff will prepare a finalized ordinance for adoption at the next available meeting.)

► Motion: I move to **approve as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission / approve as modified / deny** the proposed Text Amendments to Title 9 Zoning Regulations, Chapter 19, Wetland Overlay District, finding the proposed text amendments are in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan and will not have demonstrable negative impacts on potable water or on delivery of services.