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DATE: May 20, 2019

TO: Town of Harrah, Hordan Planning Services, and Interested Agencies

FROM: Yakima County Public Services Planning Division: Noelle Madera, Senior Planner

SUBJ: **Case No.: LRN2019-00011/SEP2019-00012 – Town of Harrah Urban Growth Area Amendment
Notice of Completeness, Notice of Application, Notice of Environmental Review, and Notice of Public Hearing**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

Town of Harrah Proposed UGA Map Amendment to the Future Land Use Map of *Horizon 2040* and Title 19 Official Zoning Map

Yakima County must periodically review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations to ensure that they comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA), as per the schedule provided in RCW 36.70A.130. This review also requires Yakima County to evaluate the County's fourteen designated urban growth areas (UGAs) by using the Washington State Office of Financial Management's population forecasts, the County's 20-year population allocations and a detailed land capacity analysis process. UGAs for all the cities and towns within Yakima County were reviewed/updated in 2015-2016. The proposal to the Town of Harrah is an emergency UGA amendment initiated by the Town to add an approximately 20-acre parcel (181135-21002) into the UGA of Harrah located adjacent to the City limits and south of parcel 181135-21003, which is already in the UGA of the Town of Harrah, and approximately 1,600 feet southeast of the intersection of Branch Rd. and Harrah Rd. If you have any questions on this proposal, please call Noelle Madera, Senior Project Planner at (509) 574-2300.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This proposal is subject to environmental review. The Yakima County Planning Division is lead agency for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The environmental checklist and other information on file with the Planning Division are available to the public as described below. Comments on the proposal will be used to prepare an environmental threshold determination, which will then be issued for additional comments.

COMMENT AND APPEAL INFORMATION

To view the application materials and SEPA checklist online go to: www.yakimap.com/permits/ and view the documents at the links for the case numbers, or you can view a copy of the application materials at the Yakima County Planning Division, 128 N. 2nd St., 4th Floor Courthouse, Yakima WA 98901. Your views on the proposal are welcome, and any person may provide written comments on issues related to the proposal. All written comments received by **4:00 p.m., June 3, 2019** will be considered prior to making the preliminary environmental threshold determination. Mail your comments on this project to Yakima County Planning Division, 128 N. 2nd St., 4th Floor Courthouse, Yakima, WA 98901. Be sure to reference the above case numbers in your correspondence. Copies of the final environmental threshold determination will be sent to those who comment or may be obtained upon request. There will be

no administrative appeal of the final environmental threshold determination (WAC 197-11-680). The threshold determination is associated with a comprehensive plan amendment which is a legislative action, and is not subject to permit processing requirements specified in YCC 16B.02.090. If you have any questions on the environmental review, please call Nate Paris, Environmental Project Planner, at (509) 574-2300.

NOTICE OF OPEN RECORD PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Yakima County Planning Commission will conduct an open record public hearing on **Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Street Conference Room, 223 N. First Street, Yakima, WA 98901 to consider the Town of Harrah's proposed Urban Growth Area map amendment to the Yakima County Comprehensive Plan – *Horizon 2040* – and the official zoning map of Yakima County Code Title 19 – Unified Land Development Code.

Encl.: Site plan/Narrative information/Environmental Checklist – Agencies

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