

AMENDED EMERGENCY MORATORIUM ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____

WASHINGTON COUNTY, IDAHO

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, IDAHO, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING, AND APPROVAL OF LAND USE APPLICATIONS INVOLVING THE DEVELOPMENT OR SPLITTING OF A1 ZONED AGRICULTURAL LAND; DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN IMMINENT PERIL TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE; PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE MORATORIUM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") of Washington County, Idaho ("County") is authorized under Idaho Code § 67-6523 to adopt an emergency ordinance, including a moratorium, when an imminent peril to public health, safety, or welfare so requires; and

WHEREAS, the continued approval of land divisions and development proposals involving A1 zoned agricultural land poses a risk of inconsistent development, burdens on public infrastructure, and potential impacts to public safety and the County's long-term growth policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that this situation constitutes an imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare that necessitates immediate and temporary legislative action; and

WHEREAS, a temporary pause will allow the County to update and clarify its land use ordinances to ensure they adequately protect infrastructure, preserve agricultural land, and promote sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the original moratorium adopted on May 27, 2025, by motion of the Board is hereby amended to clarify its scope and duration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, IDAHO:

1. Emergency Moratorium Imposed:

A temporary moratorium is hereby imposed on the acceptance, processing, or approval of any application or request for land use development or land division involving property zoned A1 – Agricultural under the Washington County Zoning Code.

2. Exemptions:

This moratorium shall not apply to:

- Applications that were previously approved prior to May 27, 2025;
- Applications submitted pursuant to and in accordance with a binding settlement agreement approved by the Board;
- Subdivisions or development on land zoned A2 – Agricultural.

3. Duration:

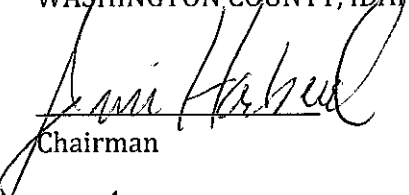
This emergency moratorium shall remain in effect for 182 days from May 27, 2025, unless repealed by the Board in accordance with Idaho law.

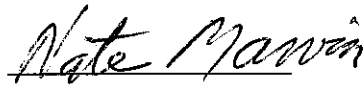
4. Effective Date:

This ordinance is effective retroactively as of May 27, 2025, the date of its original adoption by motion.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, on this 9 day of June, 2025.

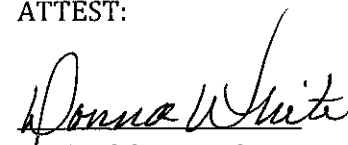
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WASHINGTON COUNTY, IDAHO


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ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board