



Ordinance No. 089877
of THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER
for WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19.61 - COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY FACILITIES, to clarify the Declaration of Intent section. Add a definitions section. Add one more pre-conditional use meeting and have one of those meetings to be held within 20 nautical miles of the proposed project site. Add all transmission lines to be underground. Add wind turbine exclusion areas to include a 2-mile setback to incorporated and unincorporated communities; a 7-mile setback to Kamiak and Steptoe Buttes. A six times the height of a turbine setback to Palouse to Cascades State Park, Klemgaard County Park, Elberton County Park, Colfax Trail County Park, Wawawai County Park, Rock Lake and the Escure Ranch. Change the non-waivable occupied building setback from one-times the height of a turbine plus 100 feet to one and a half times the height of a turbine. Increase the setback from non-participating property lines from one times the height of a turbine plus 100 feet to six times the height of a turbine. Add a setback of four times the height of a turbine from non-consenting parcels. Increase the minimum setback from non-participating landowner's occupied building from four times the height of a turbine to six-times the height of a turbine. The decommissioning section was completely rewritten to shore up protections to all the parties involved, as described in the proposed ordinance hereto attached and made a part of by reference. These changes are consistent with the Whitman County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, it having been determined by the Board after hearing the Planning Department's Recommendations and Findings of Fact, after the Board's public hearing and adoption of Findings of Fact.

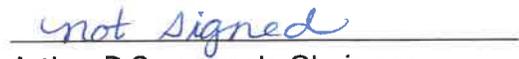
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners of Whitman County Washington on this 2nd day of March, 2026.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 2nd day of March, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:


Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board


Arthur D Swannack, Chairman


Chad Whetzel, Commissioner


Tom Handy, Commissioner