

## COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Adams County Services Building, Othello

September 8, 2004  
(Wednesday)

**Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Present:**

Chairman Rudy Plager  
Vice-Chairman Richard Johnson  
Commissioner Jeffrey W. Stevens

**Adams County Economic Development Council**

Director John Taylor provided the Board with a listing of the Council members. Chairman Plager will begin attending future meetings of the Council representing Adams County shifting Dick Nagamitsu to the Member-at-Large position so as to fill a vacancy on the Council.

**Ordinance No. O-01-04 – Short Subdivision**

It being the time of 11:00 a.m. and the place set for the continuance of the public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. O-01-04 An Ordinance Amending a Portion of Adams County Code Chapter 16.32.020 Definitions – “Short Subdivision”; Amending Chapter 16.32.030 Exemptions – C; and, Repealing Chapter 16.32.030 Exemptions – I, Chairman Plager reconvened the public hearing.

Director Wiltse clarified a few points in question. There were no members of the public present. Chairman Plager closed the public hearing at 11:15 a.m.

Commissioner Stevens moved, Johnson seconded, to *approve*  
***Ordinance No. O-01-04 An Ordinance Amending a Portion of Adams County Code Chapter 16.32.020 Definitions – “Short Subdivision”; Amending Chapter 16.32.030 Exemptions – C; and, Repealing Chapter 16.32.030 Exemptions – I. Motion carried.***

**Adjournment @ 11:30 a.m.**

Submitted:  
s/Linda Reimer, MMC  
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
s/Rudy Plager, Chairman  
s/Richard Johnson, Vice-Chairman  
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Commissioner

**ORDINANCE NO. O-01-04**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF ADAMS COUNTY CODE  
CHAPTER 16.32.020 DEFINITIONS – “SHORT SUBDIVISION”;  
AMENDING CHAPTER 16.32.030 EXEMPTIONS – C.; AND,  
REPEALING CHAPTER 16.32.030 EXEMPTIONS – I.**

**Section 1:**

Chapter 16.32.020 that portion of which defines as follows:

“Short subdivision” means the division of land into four or fewer lots, parcels, or tracts for the purpose of sale or lease of any such lot, parcel or tract. Any land retained by the subdivider, which is a remaining portion of the divided land, shall be considered to be one of the lots, parcels or tracts of the subdivision.

is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Short subdivision” is the division or redivision of land into four or fewer lots, tracts, parcels, sites, or divisions for the purpose of sale, lease, or transfer of ownership. However, the legislative authority of any city or town may by local ordinance increase the number of lots, tracts, or parcels to be regulated as short subdivisions to a maximum of nine.

**Section II:**

Chapter 16.32.030 C. of the Adams County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Any division of land not containing a dedication, in which the smallest lot, parcel or tract created as a result of the division exceeds twenty acres in area; provided, that any lot, parcel or tract shall not be further divided for a period of five years in such manner as to yield any lot, parcel or tract less than twenty acres; unless such lot, parcel or tract is recorded as a subdivision or short subdivision consistent with the Adams County Code.

**Section III:**

Section 16.32.030 I. of the Adams County Code is hereby repealed.

**Section IV:**

If any section, sentence or clause of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION V:**

Ordinance No. O-01-04 is effective immediately upon passage.

**ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
s/Rudy Plager, Chairman  
s/Richard Johnson, Vice-Chairman  
s/Jeffrey W. Stevens, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

s/Linda Reimer, MMC  
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

s/Randy J. Flyckt, Prosecuting Attorney