BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF ALTERING A SPOKANE COUNTY NO-SHOOTING AREA PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 6.06 OF THE SPOKANE COUNTY CODE; NS-02-16

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Washington State Constitution Article XI, Section 11, gives Spokane County the power to make and enforce within its limits all such police and sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with general laws: and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Code of Washington, Section 36.32.120(7) may make and enforce by appropriate resolution all such police regulations as are necessary; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 13, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m. to receive public testimony regarding file # NS-02-16, a request to remove thirty-six (36) parcels from the boundaries of an established Spokane County No-Shooting Area, the parcels being more particularly described as follows:

   Generally located west of and adjacent to Idaho Rd., south of Spokane Bridge Rd., and north of Mission Ave., in the E 1/2 of Section 12, Township 25 North, Range 45 EWM; the N 1/2 of Section 7, Township 25 North, Range 46 EWM, and the SW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 25 N., Range 46 EWM, and the SW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 25 N., Range 46 EWM.

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Shooting Advisory Committee, pursuant to the provisions of the Spokane County Code, Section 6.06.150, has submitted to the Board of County Commissioners a recommendation and map of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, upon careful deliberation, the recommendation of the Spokane County Shooting Advisory Committee includes findings supporting the approval in part and denial in part of the petition requesting to remove parcels from the No-Shooting Area; and

WHEREAS, the findings recommend the approval of ten (10) of the those parcels located west of and adjacent to Idaho Road and identified as Spokane County Assessor Tax Parcel #’s 65063.9028, 65063.9029, 65063.9021, 65063.9022, 65063.9033, 65063.9032, 65072.9023, 65072.9024, 65072.9020, 65072.9029; and

WHEREAS, the findings recommend the denial of the removal of the remaining twenty-six (26) parcels from the boundaries of the Spokane County No-Shooting Area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met on February 6, 2018, @ 2:00 p.m. in the Spokane County Public Works Building, Commissioners Assembly Room, located at 1026 W. Broadway Avenue, Spokane, Washington, at the time and place of public meeting to consider the recommendations of the Spokane County Shooting Advisory Committee;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, that based upon the recommendations of the Spokane County Shooting Advisory Committee and staff presentation given at this public meeting, the properties recommended to be removed from the boundaries of a Spokane County No-Shooting Area, more particularly described as Spokane County Assessor Parcel #'s 65063.9028, 65063.9029, 65063.9021, 65063.9022, 65063.9033, 65063.9032, 65072.9023, 65072.9024, 65072.9020, 65072.9029, has been and is hereby APPROVED; and the removal of the remaining twenty-six (26) parcels is hereby DENIED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

JOSH KERNS, CHAIR

MARY KUNLY, VICE-CHAIR

AL FRENCH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Ginna Vasquez, Clerk of the Board
January 8, 2018

To: Spokane Board of County Commissioners:

    Commissioner Al French, Commissioner Josh Kerns; Commissioner Mary Kuney

Re: Request to alter the boundaries of an existing Spokane County No-Shooting Area; NS-02-16

Petitioner: Ted DeMars

Commissioners,

A petition for an Alteration to an established No-Shooting Area in order to remove 36 parcels of property located south of Bridges Road, west of Idaho Road and north of Mission Avenue was submitted by Ted DeMars. The petition requests the removal of the parcels from the No-Shooting Area so that shooting can be allowed. Section 6.06.140 of the Spokane County Code provides for the submittal of a petition ‘for the establishment, alteration or change to any no shooting area’ to the advisory committee for consideration.

The Spokane County Shooting Advisory Committee held a public hearing for the requested Alteration on December 13, 2017. The purpose of the public hearing was to allow for testimony regarding the requested removal of properties. Six (6) voting members of the Shooting Advisory Committee were present for the hearing and quorum requirements were met. Additionally public notice requirements were met by the Department of Building and Planning consistent with Section 6.06.150.

The Shooting Advisory Committee held a meeting on December 21, 2017, to consider the petition application and the public testimony from the hearing, and to decide on a recommendation of action to forward to the Board.

Upon careful deliberation, the Shooting Advisory Committee is recommending the Board of County Commissioners approve in part and deny in part. The Committee recommends ten (10) of the parcels (#’s 65063.9028, 65063.9029, 65063.9021, 65063.9022, 65063.9033, 65063.9032, 65072.9023, 65072.9024, 65072.9020, 65072.9035) be approved for removal for the following reasons:

- The removal of the parcels is supported by 100% of the property owners involved.
- Permits property owners to manage hunt predators to reduce crop and property damage.
- Located at the northeast edge of the overall No-Shooting Area and adjacent to the Idaho State Line with shooting permitted east of the line.
- Many of the parcels owners have requested and on a yearly basis have received permission from the Spokane County Sheriff to allow shooting pursuant to Section 6.06.160 of the Spokane County Code.

Baiting should be discouraged within 1000' to reduce damage from animals migrating to and from unnatural food sources.

The Committee recommends the request to remove the remaining parcels from the No-Shooting Area be denied for the following reasons:

- Many of the property owners included within the area to be removed and adjacent to the area oppose the removal.
- The majority of the parcels are located within a development of large, relatively narrow parcels, approximately 10 acres in size, located at a higher elevation and with relatively few natural boundaries.
- Property owners within the development testified there are currently private covenants in place which prohibit shooting and this prohibition was a factor in their purchase of the property.
- There is a concentration of homes, pets and livestock in the area that results in an elevated risk of shooting hazards.
- Approval may create a precedence for further requests for alterations for properties located to the west of this area and closer to the existing urban development near Liberty Lake.
- The use of bow and arrow is currently permitted.
- Property owners have the opportunity to request permission from the Spokane County Sheriff to permit shooting, on a limited basis, pursuant to Section 6.06.150 of the Spokane County Code.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Robin Ball, Chair
Spokane County Shooting Advisory Committee