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-01-16

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-01-16, a request to remove three (3) parcels, identified as Spokane County Assessor parcel #'s 37152.9003, 37152.9043, 37152.9056, from the boundaries of an established Spokane County No-Shooting Area, the parcels being more generally described as follows:

Generally located north of and adjacent to Woolard Road, west of Market Street, and west of SR-2, in the NE ¼ of Section 15, Township 27 North, Range 43 EWM, Spokane County, Washington.

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, the Board of County Commissioners met on February 6, 2018, at 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 recommendation 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 recommendation 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 37152.9003, 37152.9043, 37152.9056, has been and is hereby APPROVED.
APPROVED BY THE BOARD this 6th day of February, 2018

JOSH KERNS, CHAIR

MARY KUNSTY, VICE CHAIR

AL FRENCH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Ginna Vasquez, Clerk of the Board
January 18, 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-01-16

Petitioner: George Austin

Commissioners,

A petition for an Alteration to an established No-Shooting Area in order to remove three parcels of property, located north of and adjacent to Woolard Road, was submitted by George Austin. The petition requested the removal of the parcels from the No-Shooting Area so that shooting could 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 unanimously recommending the Board of County Commissioners approve Mr. Austin’s request for removal for the following reasons:

- The applicant has owned the property for over 50 years and has historically shot firearms on the property to control predators.
The applicant only realized in recent years that the property was located within an established No-Shooting Area, and since that time has requested on a yearly basis and received permission from the Spokane County Sheriff to allow target shooting, pursuant to Section 6.06.160 of the Spokane County Code. There have been no past complaints to the Sheriff's office regarding shooting or history of reckless behavior.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Robin Ball, Chair
Spokane County Shooting Advisory Committee