Proposed Zoning Text Amendment for the Spokane Gun Club
1. Initiation of the Amendment:

a. The Board or Department of Building and Planning may initiate an amendment to the text of the Zoning Code.

b. An interested party may request that the Board initiate a zoning text amendment by submitting a request to the Department which will then be forwarded to the Board for consideration. A request to initiate an amendment is subject to a nonrefundable review fee. If initiated by the Board the request will be processed by the Department subject to formal application and applicable fees.

*The Spokane County Board of County Commissioners initiated this zoning text amendment on August 22, 2023, via Resolution 23-0509.*
The County may amend the Zoning Code when one of the following is found to apply:

1. The amendment is consistent with or implements the Comprehensive Plan and is not detrimental to the public welfare.

2. A change in economic, technological, or land use conditions has occurred to warrant modification of the Zoning Code.

3. An amendment is necessary to correct an error in the Zoning Code.

4. An amendment is necessary to clarify the meaning or intent of the Zoning Code.

5. An amendment is necessary to provide for a use(s) that was not previously addressed by the Zoning Code.

6. An amendment is deemed necessary by the Commission and/or Board as being in the public interest.
4. An amendment is necessary to clarify the meaning or intent of the Zoning Code.

Applicant’s Assertion: “The definition as currently written, fails to recognize the diversity of activities associated with a gun club as historically allowed, including but not limited to, concessions, retail product associated with its users, or overnight camping provisions for event participants.

“In contrast, the definition of a permitted outright golf course states that the facility may include a clubhouse, with related retail sales including a pro shop, restaurant/food and alcohol service in 3 separate Rural zones.”
SCC 14.300 Definitions

**Gun and Archery Range (current)**
A facility or area used for archery and/or the discharging of firearms, including rifles, pistols, or shotguns, for the purpose of target practice.

**Gun and Archery Range (proposed)**
A facility or area used for archery and/or the discharging of firearms, including rifles, pistols, or shotguns, for the purpose of target practice and firearm safety. The gun and archery range may include recreational services, facilities, and activities for utilization by the gun or archery participants and may include recreational vehicle park-campgrounds that are limited to said participants of scheduled events of the Archery or Gun Club program.
14.618.220 Rural Zones Matrix

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14.618.240 Conditional Use Standards and Criteria

(10) Gun and archery ranges (RT zone)

a. The minimum lot area is 40 acres.

b. The Hearing Examiner may prescribe conditions of approval to assure mitigation of safety and noise impacts.

c) The use shall be subject to restrictions and conditions, as may be imposed by the Hearings Examiner under Chapter 14.404.
14.618.240 Conditional Use Criteria

(Proposed) Gun and archery ranges (RT zone)

a. The minimum lot area is 40 acres.

b. The site shall have a minimum frontage of 600’ along a rural arterials or collectors, or other classification when deemed adequate and safe for the intended use.

c. Accessory uses, including management headquarters, recreation facilities, restrooms, dumping stations, showers, laundry facilities and other uses and structures customarily incidental to operation of a gun and archery. Food service and retail sales including sports equipment and supplies, guns, ammunition, bows, arrows, and other associated supplies are permitted within the establishment but not intended for general public patronage.

d. Event participants may stay overnight with RV’s, camp trailers, or tents.
(Proposed) Gun and archery ranges (RT zone)

e. Recreational Vehicle stalls shall average 1,500 square feet in order to accommodate on site vehicle parking of one additional parking stall.

f. The RV and camping use shall be in compliance with applicable health regulations regarding sewage and water.

g. Entrances and exits to and from the site, shall be designed for safe movement of traffic on and off of the County roadway.

h. Internal circulation roadways shall be private and paved. The Hearings Examiner may waive this requirement, provided impacts can be adequately addressed.

i. The use shall be subject to restrictions and conditions, as may be imposed by the Hearings Examiner under chapter 14.404 to assure safety and noise impact mitigation.
# Spokane County Gun & Archery Clubs

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<th>Name</th>
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Workplan for Evaluation

Conduct background research—for example: historical, cultural and economic significance.

Evaluate other jurisdictions’ regulations for gun and archery facilities—MRSC resources and peer counties.


Assess potential unintended consequences.

Future workshop with proposed ordinance narrative
SEPA Checklist Comments

A SEPA Checklist and processing fees were requested from the applicant on 7/28/23.

A SEPA Checklist was submitted on 8/28/23 and has not been reviewed.

No agency circulation has occurred for this proposal as of yet.
Potential Secondary Impacts/Influences

Accessory uses may have unintended consequences.
Retail use in the county is regulated by location through zoning.
Camping/RV parks are regulated by location.
As stand-alone uses, each has more approval criteria than the proposed use.
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Questions?