

Proposed Zone Code Text Amendment

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Purpose

To update the definition of “Gun and Archery Range” in Chapter 14.300 Spokane County Zone Code to include the accessory uses commonly associated with viable gun and archery range operations.

14.300

Gun and Archery Range: A facility or area used for archery and/or the discharging of firearms, including rifles, pistols, or shotguns, for target practice, firearm safety training, and skills competitions. It is customary for gun and archery ranges to hold multi-day target shooting skills competitions. To facilitate these cultural activities, accessory uses on sites may include limited recreational facilities, support services, limited small-scale retail and food services, and overnight camping limited to and associated with scheduled multi-day target shooting events.

Purpose

Modernize the standards and review criteria for Conditional Use Permits for gun and archery ranges currently allowed with a conditional use permit in the Small Tract Agricultural (STA), Large Tract Agricultural (LTA), Forest (F), and Rural Traditional (RT) zones to include commonly associated accessory uses.

This proposal would change SCC section 14.616.240 (8) related to STA, LTA, and F zones and SCC section 14.618.240 (10): related to the RT zone:

- a) The minimum site area for an archery range is 10 acres, and for a gun range, 20 acres.
- b) Accessory uses may include clubhouses, management buildings, maintenance buildings and yards, associated recreation facilities, restrooms, dump stations, showers, laundry facilities, and other uses and structures customarily associated with gun and archery ranges.
- c) Limited food service and limited retail sales, including sports equipment, supplies, guns, ammunition, bows, arrows, and other associated merchandise, may be permitted within established ranges so long as they are limited to range users and not intended for public patronage.
- d) Target shooting event participants may stay overnight with RVs, camp trailers, or tents during scheduled multi-day events on sites greater than 20 acres.
- e) Entrances and exits to and from the site shall be designed for safe traffic movement onto and off the County roadways.

- f) All proposed facilities shall comply with applicable Spokane Regional Health District and fire district regulations.
- g) A gun range shall be located no closer than 2 miles from the boundary of any incorporated or unincorporated urban growth area, public park, school, or cemetery.
- h) Boundary requirements may be reduced to a distance no less than 0.5 miles pending approved sound suppression measures and best practices for safety standards determined by the hearing examiner are met.
- i) No alcohol sales or consumption on range sites.
- j) Gun ranges shall include a lead recycling program consistent with the EPA's publication "Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges."
- k) The Hearing Examiner may prescribe conditions of approval to assure public safety, environmental compatibility, best management practices, and mitigation measures that suppress noise impacts.
- l) The use shall be subject to restrictions and conditions as may be imposed by the Hearings Examiner under chapter 14.404

End of Amendment