

February 20, 2019

Planning Commission
City of Woodland
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Woodland, WA 98674

REG: City of Woodland Code Changes

Dear Planning Commission:

The Woodland Chamber of Commerce requests that the City of Woodland and the Woodland Planning Commission step back from the current proceedings to ensure proper code is in place prior to moving forward. There are currently multiple applications pending, requesting zoning changes, annexations and urban growth boundary inclusions. Some of these applications will significantly impact the City of Woodland if approved without proper code language and updates. The Chamber's concerns directly address the ability to ensure the quality of life in our community for those that reside, work and recreate here in Woodland.

More specifically, the Chamber would like the Planning Commission and the City Council to add additional Residential zoning designations to allow for larger lot sizes. Presently, the largest minimum lot size available in the code is for 8,500 square foot lots, and our organization does not feel that this is adequate nor reflective of the Community. With the City considering the potential to bring in a substantial amount of land for Residential use (either now or with future requests), the Chamber feels that the Commission should more adequately address concerns that have been heard by the citizens pertaining to rural and small farm designation that maintains these resident's quality of place.

The Chamber is in favor of instituting a designation for larger rural lots that will be reflective of the pastoral setting that much of the requested areas consist of and in which many of the citizens identify with. Larger lot sizes will attract quality construction and premium pricing. With these designations employed, the Community will benefit on many levels, including less demand on infrastructure and less impact on traffic.

The Woodland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the City of Woodland revise its code to add a Residential Zoning for minimum lot sizes larger than what is presently provided. We as a community are at a unique intersection in its History, to create a Community we will all be proud of. The Commission has a great responsibility in the future of Woodland, and we ask that you provide great consideration for the decisions before you. Thank you for allowing the Chamber to be part of that consideration.

Respectfully,

President
Woodland Chamber of Commerce