

**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA REQUEST**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
David Goldsmith, County Administrator

**FROM:** Dept. of Community Development (DCD) Long-Range Planning

**DATE:** April 26, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Planning Commission recommendation for MLA04-26: UDC amendments related to Agricultural Activities and Accessory Uses

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**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

On April 7, the Planning Commission (PC) unanimously recommended a proposed set of amendments for the Unified Development Code (UDC) addressing Agricultural Activities and Accessory Uses. The PC recommendation is a modified version of the preliminary proposal developed with DCD staff assistance by the PC Agricultural Lands Committee and which was the subject of a public hearing before the PC on February 18. The PC and DCD staff worked together to improve the proposal through research and discussion at subsequent PC meetings.

DCD staff will present the PC recommendation to the Board during this April 26 Regular Agenda item.

**ANALYSIS/STRATEGIC GOALS/PROS and CONS:**

The proposed set of UDC amendments is step three of a four-step process that was initiated through a set of amendments made to the UDC in the spring of 2003 that addressed a settlement agreement with the Washington Environmental Council (WEC). Step two was Comprehensive Plan amendments made in late 2003 regarding Agricultural Lands policy and designations. Step four will be the compilation and consideration of a set of parcels for Agricultural Lands designation and is a docketed item on the 2004 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket.

**FISCAL IMPACT/COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS:**

It is anticipated that these amendments will improve opportunities for and related to agriculture in Jefferson County.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board consider the PC recommendation with these options in mind:

1. Schedule an Agenda item before the Board to take action on an adopting ordinance for the PC recommendation for MLA04-26, *or*
2. Schedule a public hearing for consideration of an adopting ordinance for UDC amendments under application MLA04-26.

**REVIEWED BY:**

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David Goldsmith, County Administrator

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