

1 INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 2019-09-13

2 **An interim ordinance amending a portion of Clark County Code related to the**
3 **Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Districts to correct a scrivener's error**
4 **in CCC 40.240.440(H) regarding the review procedures for development and**
5 **production of mineral and geothermal resources.**

6 WHEREAS, Clark County adopted Ordinance No 1996-04-30, which contains a
7 reference to Title 18 subsection 18.334.200, Review Uses with Additional Approval Criteria –
8 Large-Scale or Small-Scale Agricultural Designations; and

9 WHEREAS, in Ord. 1996-04-30, Clark County Code (CCC) Section 18.334.200(G)
10 states that “Development and production of mineral and geothermal resources, as defined by
11 Section 18.334.040, subject to Section 18.334.520 of this ordinance, and all other applicable
12 federal, state and county standards, including those of Chapter 18.329 - Surface Mining Overlay
13 Zoning District. Type III review procedures specified under CCC 18.600.080 shall be required”
14 (Exhibit 1. Excerpt of Ord 1996-04-30); and

15 WHEREAS, Clark County adopted Ordinance 2003-11-01 which repealed Title 18 and
16 replaced it with Title 40, and Chapter 18.334 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area
17 became Chapter 40.240 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area; and

18 WHEREAS, the proposed code changes in Ord. 2003-11-01 are generally indicated with
19 underline and strikethrough, and that ordinance changed the Type III process to become a Type IV
20 process in CCC 40.240.240(G) - Review Uses with Additional Approval Criteria, Large-Scale
21 or Small-Scale Agriculture Designation, but no underline/strikethrough was used to indicate this
22 change (Exhibit 2. Excerpt of Ord. 2003-11-01); and

23 WHEREAS, on November 12, 2003, county staff sent a letter to the Columbia Gorge
24 Commission with proposed changes to Chapter 40.240, stating that “there was nothing of
25 substance changed or added, except where current practice was codified” (Exhibit 3); and

26 WHEREAS, CCC 40.240.520, which applies to development and production of mineral
27 and geothermal resources in forest land, reflects the same Type III process as was in place in
28 Chapter 18.334; and

29 WHEREAS, Clark County staff believes this change from a Type III process to a Type IV
30 process in CCC 40.240.440(G), which is applicable to agricultural land, to have been a
31 scrivener's error; and

32 WHEREAS, Clark County adopted Ordinance 2006-05-04 which repealed and replaced
33 Ord. 2003-11-01 and CCC 40.240.240(G) was renumbered to be CCC 40.240.440(H) - Review
34 Uses with Additional Approval Criteria, Large-Scale or Small-Scale Agriculture Designation; and

35 WHEREAS, Council finds and concludes that this interim ordinance would further the
36 public health, safety, and welfare, and is necessary for the immediate support of the County
37 government and its existing public institutions; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT HEREBY ORDERED, RESOLVED, AND DECREED BY THE CLARK COUNTY**
2 **COUNCIL, CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

3 **Section 1. Findings.** RCW 35.63.200 and RCW 36.70A.390 authorize adoption of interim
4 zoning measures with certain limitations. In compliance with the requirements of these statutes,
5 the Clark County Council adopts as findings the pronouncements contained in the above recital
6 provisions.

7 **Section 2. Amendatory.** Sec. 1 (Attachment F) of 1996-04-30, and amended as Sec. 1 (Ex. A)
8 of Ord. 2003-11-01, and codified as CCC 40.240.440, and most recently amended as Ord.
9 2018-03-04, is hereby amended as follows:

10 **40.240 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Districts**

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12 Section 40.240.440 - Review Uses with Additional Approval Criteria, Large-Scale or Small-Scale
13 Agricultural Designations

14 The following uses may be allowed on lands zoned Gorge Large-Scale or Small-Scale
15 Agriculture, subject to compliance with Sections 40.240.800 through 40.240.900, consistent with
16 Section 40.240.460:

- 17 A. Utility facilities and railroads necessary for public service upon a showing that:
- 18 1. There is no practicable alternative location with less adverse effect on agricultural or
19 forest lands; and
- 20 2. The size is the minimum necessary to provide the service.
- 21 B. Home occupations in existing residential or accessory structures, subject to
22 Section 40.240.240.
- 23 C. Fruit and produce stands, upon a showing that sales will be limited to agricultural products
24 raised on the subject farm and other farms in the local region.
- 25 D. Wineries, in conjunction with on-site viticulture, upon a showing that processing and sales of
26 wine is from grapes grown on the subject farm or in the local region.
- 27 E. Wine tasting rooms, in conjunction with an on-site winery.
- 28 F. Agricultural product processing and packaging, upon a showing that the processing will be
29 limited to products grown primarily on the subject farm and sized to the subject operation.
- 30 G. Exploration of mineral and geothermal resources subject to Section 40.240.800.
- 31 H. Development and production of mineral and geothermal resources, as defined by
32 Section 40.240.040, and pursuant to Section 40.240.800 and all other applicable federal,
33 state and county standards, including those of Section 40.250.022. Type ~~IV~~ III review
34 procedures specified under Section ~~40.510.040~~ 40.510.030 shall be required.

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2 **Section 3. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held
3 invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Growth Management
4 Hearings Board, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or
5 unconstitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

6 **Section 4. Effective Date.** The interim ordinance will take effect immediately upon adoption by
7 the affirmative votes of at least 4 (four) members of the County Council, or in 10 (ten) days if
8 adopted by the affirmative votes of only 3 (three) Councilors, and will expire upon adoption of a
9 new ordinance following consideration of this matter in a public hearing by the County Council,
10 or 60 days from adoption, whichever is earlier.

11 **Section 5. Instructions to the Clerk.**

12 The Clerk of the County Council shall:

- 13 1. Record a copy of this ordinance with the Clark County Auditor.
 - 14 2. Transmit a copy of this ordinance to the Washington State Department of Commerce
15 within ten days of its adoption pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106.
 - 16 3. Cause notice of adoption of this ordinance to be published forthwith pursuant to RCW
17 36.70A.290, and Clark County Code 1.02.140, and transmit a copy to Community
18 Planning.
 - 19 4. Transmit a copy of the adopted ordinance to the Community Development Department
20 Director and Permit Manager.
 - 21 5. This ordinance is temporary in nature and is not to be codified.
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23 **Section 6. Roll Call Vote.** The following persons voted in favor of the above ordinance
24 [amendments]:

25 Temple Lertz, Julie Olson, Gary Medvigy, and
26 Eileen Quiring.

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28 ADOPTED this 25th of Sep. 2019.

29 CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL

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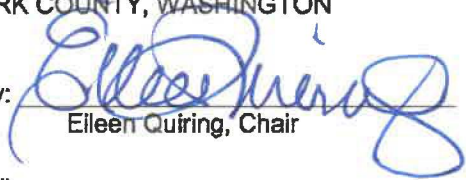
Clerk to the Council

Approved as to Form Only:
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Prosecuting Attorney

By: 

Taylor Hallvik
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

FOR CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: 

Eileen Quiring, Chair

By: _____
Temple Lentz, Councilor

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John Blom, Councilor

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Gary Medvigy, Councilor

