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From: Brian K <pickensmountainfarm@gmail.com>
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To: Planning
Subject: Comment On Marijuana Producer/Processors In Okanogan County

Planning Commissioners -

My name is Brian Knopf, i own pickens mountain cannabis farm in okanogan county, wa. I am a tier 3 producer/ processor. My farm is on my 20 acres of rural land on pickens mtn.

I am concerned about the potential issues in okanogan county that may affect my farm and license. I have been licensed since september 2014 with no issues or problems and i have invested a huge amount of money to establish my farm on my rural property in okanogan county. I have also invested a very significant amount of money in the local economy. I have had no issues at my location due to its rural location and distance from the general public or neighbors. I understand if you need to address some zoning issues in residential areas but it would not be fair to cancel existing pre approved and licensed producer/processors in the county. I have all of my personal finances invested in my operation and business in okanogan county and stand to lose everything i have worked for if you put in place an **Amortization Period** to require permitted, unpermitted, or legal pre-existing marijuana operations to cease operations [on January 1, 2017](#).

Please reconsider the zoning changes currently being drafted in OCC Title 17A.290 that are negatively impacting Marijuana Operations. To support this emerging industry, please implement the following:

- ***** **Eliminate the Amortization Period** to require permitted, unpermitted, or legal pre-existing marijuana operations to cease operations [on January 1, 2017](#).
- **Maintain the current definition of Marijuana as an agricultural crop** with the right to farm (17A.020.060 Agriculture)
 - Include the definition of farm to include marijuana (17A.020.370 Farm)
 - Do not require conditional-use on marijuana operations (17A.290.030)
 - Allow permitted use across all zones including rural and agricultural zones
- Eliminate additional conditions that would increase operational costs or inhibit business development (17A.310.100 Potential Conditions)

Sincerely-

Brian Knopf
Pickens Mountain Cannabis