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To Whom It May Concern: Please enter my comments on the Walla Walla Municipal Code Amendments - Comprehensive Plan implementing Municipal Code Amendmentgs - 2026.

Regarding the first amendment listed which has too many numbers to enter - but it's about changing the name of Development Services to "Community Development". WHY? Why confuse everyone by renaming the city's planning and zoning department and using the same name as the county's planning and zoning department? It makes no sense.

WWMC 13.03.01 > changing "the city's discretion to the City Manager's discretion. Why? Why eliminate the city council from the job they're elected to do?

WWMC 13.04.040 and 13.04.150 > the same question applies to the one above - Why? Why eliminate the city council from the job they're elected to do?

WWMC 20.02 080 Finally - why after justifying having one time period each year for annexation as it's far more efficient - especially with limited staffing these days...would you go back to accepting annexation applications year 'round. Makes no sense

Sincerely RL McFarland