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Acknowledgment of Farm Operations Notification

Okanogan County maintains a Farm Operations Ordinance (Okanogan County Code, Chapter 5.28). Okanogan County has determined that the highest and best use for agricultural land as defined below is to develop or preserve said lands for the purposes of agricultural operations and it will not consider the inconveniences or discomforts arising from agricultural operations to be a nuisance if such operations are legal, consistent with accepted customs and standards, and operated in a non-negligent manner.

If property you own or are purchasing or may purchase in the future is located close to agricultural lands or within agricultural lands, you may be subject to inconveniences or discomfort arising from agricultural operations. Such discomfort or inconveniences may include, but are not limited to: noise, odors, dust, chemicals, smoke, insects, operation of machinery during any 24-hour period, disruption of road traffic, and aircraft operation. One or more of the inconveniences described above may occur even in the case of an agricultural operation which is in conformance with existing laws and regulations and locally accepted customs and standards. If you live near an agricultural area, you should be prepared to accept such inconveniences or discomfort as a normal and necessary aspect of living in a County with a strong rural character and a healthy agricultural sector.

For purposes of this notification:

- (a) Agricultural Land; means real property located within the boundaries of Okanogan County which falls into one or more of the following categories:
 - (1) Is designated on the Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan as Agricultural Resource Land, Watershed or Open Space and is included in a zoning district that is primarily or substantially devoted to agricultural uses.
 - (2) Is included in an overlay zoning district that is devoted primarily to agriculture;
 - (3) Is designated in the Comprehensive Plan for an urban use but has been zoned for agricultural purposes as an interim zone to maximize the economic use of the land while retaining the land in large parcel sizes pending eventual permanent development for urban use;
 - (4) While not presently zoned or designated in the Comprehensive Plan for primary or substantial agricultural use, the land contains an existing agricultural operation of a type that would be obvious to an uninformed observer after a physical inspection of the property, and that operation began at a time when such use was permissible.

- (b) Agricultural Operation; means all operations necessary to conduct agriculture as defined in Section 5.28 (Farm Operations) of the Okanogan County Code, as such may be amended from time to time and shall include, but not be limited to, preparation, tillage, and maintenance of the soil or other growing medium, the production, irrigation, frost protection, cultivation, growing, raising, breeding, harvesting, or processing of any living organism having value as an agricultural commodity or

Attachment A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION