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17A.020.060 Agriculture

"Agriculture," pertaining to farming, means the tilling of the soil, the raising of crops, forestry, horticulture, gardening, keeping or raising of livestock and poultry and any agricultural industry or business such as dairies, nurseries, wholesale greenhouses or similar uses. ~~Farming industrial hemp is agriculture. Farming marijuana, marijuana products, and marijuana operations are not agriculture; they are defined separately by this Chapter.~~

Marijuana is defined under RCW 69.50.101 and is further defined under RCW 82.04.213. Hemp is defined under RCW 15.????? (authorized by Senate Bill 6206 this year section 3 to add new title to RCW 15).

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17A.020.370 Farm

"Farm" means property used for raising all crops, feeding and caring for livestock, ranges and pastures. ~~The definition of a farm does not include marijuana operations.~~

Suggest removal as better defined 17A.020.060

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17A.290.080 Neighborhood character

Marijuana operations shall be compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood. ~~Factors upon which compatibility will be evaluated include but are not limited to noise, traffic, light and glare. Valid and verified complaints from neighbors may be considered as possible reasons for revocation of a permit, or modification of the permitted conditions of approval.~~

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17A.290.090 Amortization Period

As of January 1, 2017, all permitted, unpermitted, or legal pre-existing marijuana operations shall cease and no longer be legally permitted to operate, except marijuana operations permitted in accordance with this chapter. Nothing in this section shall prohibit new applications filed on or after the date stated herein, so long as new applications are permitted in accordance with this chapter.

Replace with:

Factors upon which compatibility will be requirements with the Liquor Control Board (LCB) license requirements relating to marijuana and hemp and additional requirements within more intensively planned areas as defined by Chapter 7 of the Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan. The LCB regulates such items as proximity of marijuana operations to areas frequented by children, fencing for visually screening and security, background checks on applicants for licenses including criminal history, opportunities to protest the license issuance on a basis of either location or applicant and has adequate measures to protect the local interest to preserve public health, safety and welfare as listed in Okanogan County Resolution 114-2013. Certification of a valid water right should be provided with the CUP Application. Buffers for marijuana and hemp shall be determined and based on best available and verifiable science to avoid cross pollination or is as further defined by the LCB rules and regulations. If these requirements are met the CUP may not be withheld. Non-compliance with these regulations may be cause for modification or revocation of the CUP.