



CHELAN COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

Chelan County Administration Building, Room 1

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May 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Chelan County Hearing Examiner: Andrew Kottkamp

Chelan County Staff: Permit Clerk Jessica Thompson, Assistant Director Kirsten Ryles, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Marcus Foster

Public/Agencies: Mike Callan, Luke Evans, Cindy Wright

AGENDA:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Hearing Examiner Kottkamp called the Hearing to order at 9:00 AM. No objections were given to Mr. Kottkamp running today's hearing. Instruction was given to attendees on how the hearing is conducted and how to participate, testify, and appeal a decision.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

AA 24-134 Peterson Apple Ranch INC – This matter was continued to the May 15th, 2024 hearing examiner meeting.

AA 24-027 Dennis Evans Orchard LLC – A request for an Administrative Appeal was submitted to appeal the denial of a renewal extension request for a short-term rental. Applicant submitted a Short-Term Rental Renewal Application dated December 7, 2023 to continue use as a short-term rental. Applicant was denied the permit renewal as they did not meet the renewal application deadline and their renewal extension request was denied. 37 US HWY 97A, Chelan, WA 98816; and identified by Assessor's Parcel No.: 27-22-16-230-200 – **Kirsten Ryles – STR manager**

Mr. Kottkamp discussed the application details and entered the staff report, application materials, site plans, public comments, and the entire planning staff file into record.

Attorney Mike Callan, representing the appellant, addresses his objections to the noticing procedures used by the county. He states the facts provided by the appellant to the county should

suffice the criteria required to determine a hardship. Another issue raised by Mr. Callan is that the code is vague and ambiguous, which makes it challenging for an appellant to determine what is considered a hardship.

Attorney Foster clarifies Dennis-Evans Orchards LLC is the owner of the STR, and it is up to them how they delegate the responsibilities required to own a STR. Mr. Foster states that the county complied with the renewal reminder requirement. The director reconsidered the hardship request submitted by the appellant and issued new decisions on January 2nd and 10th, 2024.

Continued discussion made by Mr. Callan on the determination of the denial.

With nothing further from the public, agent, or staff. Mr. Kottkamp closes the record and will have a written decision within 10 working days.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing Examiner Kottkamp adjourned the May 15, 2024 meeting.