

# GUIDE FOR CREATION OF A “NO SHOOTING ZONE”

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The following is the process to be use by persons wishing to create a “No Shooting Zone” in Lewis County

- No shooting zones are established upon a demonstration that the residents of an area favor the creation of such a zone. The County can only create “No Shooting Zones”, state law does NOT give the County the authority to create only “No Hunting Zones.”
- The first step in the process is the submission of a petition to the Board of County Commissioners signed by residents of the area to be designated as a No Shooting Zone requesting that the county designate the area as such. An example of such a petition is attached hereto.
- The petition shall be accompanied by a map showing the boundaries of the proposed No Shooting Zone. This map needs to be detailed enough for the county to be able to determine which properties are included in the zone and which are not as well as to write a legal description for the zone. Boundaries should follow either physical features on the ground (i.e. roads, streams, etc.) or property lines. The division of an ownership so that part of it is within the proposed zone and part is outside the zone is discouraged. Base maps on which the boundaries of the zone can be drawn are available from the Community Development Department - Planning Division (2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, WA 98532-2626).
- County staff will prepare a detailed map of the proposed No Shooting Zone based upon the proposal submitted by the public.
- The Board of County Commissioners will then hold an informal public meeting, within the proposed No Shooting Zone if possible, for the purpose of determining whether there is sufficient public support for the proposal to begin the formal process to amend the county’s “No Shooting Zone Ordinance” to include the new area.
- If the Board determines that there is sufficient public interest in the creation of the new zone, county staff will draft an amended ordinance for the new area and the Board will schedule and conduct a formal public hearing to take public testimony and evidence regarding the proposed No Shooting Zone.
- If after considering the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, the Board determines that the creation of the zone will be in the public interest and provide for public health, safety, and welfare the No Shooting Zone will be created and signs posted on county rights-of-way within the zone to inform the public.

# PETITION TO CREATE A "NO SHOOTING ZONE"

We the undersigned hereby petition the Board of County Commissioners of Lewis County, Washington to create a new "No Shooting Zone" pursuant to Lewis County Ordinance No. 1109 within the \_\_\_\_\_ area as delineated on the attached map. The undersigned are all residents within the boundaries of the proposed zone.

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