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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (Please print legibly)

Business/Applicant Name: _____

Legal Name if different than above _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Main Office Phone: _____

Representative/Contact: _____

Title: _____

Direct Office Phone or Ext: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Business License(s) : IRS/EIN# _____

UBI/DOR # _____

Type of Membership: Business _____ Public Agency _____ Non-Profit _____ \$65/yr

Individual - no company or agency affiliation _____ \$35/yr

Category: General (circle one) Retail Wholesale Service Professional Manufacturing Agriculture Other

Business Description: _____

Reason for Joining: _____

Involvement Interest: circle one YES-contact us to get involved/volunteer

NO-share information or issues of interest

WEBSITE: _____

Publish: Yes or No

FACEBOOK: _____

Publish: Yes or No

Vea el otro lado para la aplicación en español

Please make checks payable to: South Grant County Chamber of Commerce or SGC CoC

By completing this application, the signature below agrees to support the Chamber with annual membership dues and will abide by the governing documents and policies used. The signature also agrees that this membership will be on "auto renew" and payment will be remitted each year twelve months from the date of last renewal payment, unless cancelled in writing by member.

**Signature of Authorized
Representative** _____

Date Signed _____

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Referred by: _____

Member ID#: _____

Presented/Accepted at Meeting Date: _____

Industry Code: _____

Notice of Acceptance Date: Mailed Emailed Called Delivered

By: _____

Posted: _____

Payment Method: Cash Check # _____

Business Personal Other _____

Invoice#: _____

Payment Processed Date Rec'd _____

Date Deposited _____

By _____



Learn about the Chamber of Commerce and the impact on the community

Purpose: *Organized to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the southern-most area of Grant County, Washington so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper. All necessary means of promotion shall be provided, and particular attention and emphasis shall be given to the economic, civic, commercial, cultural, industrial and educational interest of the area.*

Objectives: *To preserve the competitive enterprise system of business, educate and represent the business community, prevent or address controversies that could be detrimental to the expansion and growth of business in the community, create a better appreciation of the value of a competitive business climate, and foster business growth and development to strengthen and expand business in the area.*

WHAT IS A CHAMBER? The South Grant County Chamber of Commerce, formerly the Mattawa Area Multicultural Chamber of Commerce incorporated in 2005. In 2023, the Chamber submitted articles of amendment to enlarge the service area and re-brand itself to help better identify the region, which includes the communities south of Interstate 90, except for George who aligns with the Quincy area. Working on behalf of the communities of **Beverly, Desert Aire, Mattawa, Royal City, Schwana, the Wahluke Slope and Warden/MarineView**, the Chamber is active county-wide, throughout the state, and even with federal representatives and agencies. The Chamber serves as a representative body, free of special interest groups, through which members support collective action in the region. 20th anniversary in 2025! Internal Revenue Service designates a Chamber as a 501c6 non-profit organization, established for utilizing voluntary partnerships of businesses and professionals to build a healthy economy and improve the quality of life in a community. The designation from the IRS provides tax exemption. Washington's Secretary of State processes the Articles of Incorporation that allows the Chamber to function, similar to other business corporations. The Chamber fulfills many roles in a community, championing functions such as economic developer or planner, tourist information, business representative, economic counselor/teacher, government relations advisor, human resource specialist and public relations practitioner.

WHO IS THE CHAMBER? Members are businesses, organizations, and individuals concerned with the socioeconomic climate of a community. Working together, there is a better chance of getting things done when speaking with a collective voice. Members can be a hardware store, bank, locally owned restaurant or market, franchises or major retailers, farmers, professionals such as lawyers or accountants, independent realtors or commercial developers, technology leaders, single proprietorships or multi-national corporations. Luckily, there are no limits to the number or kind of members that choose to be involved, as long as there is a shared vision. Currently, the South Grant County Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer driven organization. As it grows, through membership increases and development of benefits and services, things may allow for the hiring of paid staff.

HOW DOES THE CHAMBER FUNCTION CURRENTLY? The Chamber is focusing on an awareness campaign to attract members by providing information on what or how a business can benefit from joining, which is unique to most. Best practice is face-to-face discussions, and by utilizing introductions from an existing member to another prospective one. Invitations to activities prior to joining can also be beneficial, as it strengthens the bond of working together when people know each other, especially in a rural area like South Grant County.

WHEN DOES THE CHAMBER OPERATE? Regardless of whether a chamber is small or with hundreds of members, the formula for success includes active awareness of what is happening in or around the community, and businesses stepping forward to understand how the Chamber can assist. In the last few decades, the Chamber, like everyone, has the ability to connect with people endlessly, using technology, which can be useful as much as it can be annoying. What helps far beyond cell phones or on-line access, is to build relationships with others in the community that come from other types of business, or area, or perspective, industry or background to partner on common goals. Meeting just to meet is no longer the norm; it's more about identifying specific goals and approaching solutions that are common sense and realistic.

WHY IS THE CHAMBER UMBRELLA IMPORTANT? Unlike specific industries or size of a businesses, an approach of stepping back to look at an issue or project from various perspectives can be more productive, especially as a primary mission of the Chamber is influencing public policy. In this area, the special service districts (taxing authorities) include the federal, state, and county governments, with layers from the fire/hospital/library/port/school/irrigation/health districts to name just a few. Collaboration, communication, cooperation, coordination (the Four C's of the Chamber) are beneficial to solving problems and finding solutions.

WHERE CAN BUSINESSES/CITIZENS HELP? Consider who you know that might be benefitted by getting involved through joining the Chamber directly, or providing information about those in your personal and professional circles that might consider becoming involved. Grassroots efforts can yield unimaginable results under the welcoming culture and environment that is fostered by the Chamber.

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