

2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans

Plank #17 – Private Property Rights

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The right to own private property is at the heart of American freedom and independence.

We believe;

1. The fundamental right to property must never be abridged, as expressly guaranteed in Article 4 of the U.S. constitution; Article q, Section 3,11, 16, and 32 of the Washington State Constitution. Such rights include the property owner’s right to use, develop, transfer, and/or dispose of said property in accordance with accepted historical and legal methods.
2. All private Property is protected from government “taking” except under the strict Constitutional Public use definition.
3. Federal and State mandated Growth Management Act (GMA) and common-sense alteration of the Shoreline Management Act, both of which unfairly restrict the rights of property owners, should be repealed as unconstitutional with reoperations legally obtainable to property owners unfairly punished by these acts.
4. Citizens have the right to own livestock and other animals as property and have responsibility of their control and management.
5. Any government mandatory animal identification system that requires registration of animals, registration of animal owners, or their properties, or similarly intrusive data collection programs, including, but not limited to map location and/or GPS coordinates should be prohibited.