1. 100 ft radius set-a-side for every gopher mound and logged in on a map, registered with the county forever as set-a-side, for a gopher that has a life span of 2 years. Gophers move from area to area.

2. What about existing homes with all kinds of gopher activity on their properties? Why are they not included in the mandatory set-a-side? Are these gophers not as important?

3. The county said there will be no mowing or even foot traffic on the set-a-side and has to be fenced off also, as well as no animals.

4. There are gopher mounds in Grand Mound Cemetery. Should the cemetery stop being used? Are these gophers not as important?
5. There are gophers in the Thurston County ditches along the road and the county mows these ditch lines. Are these gophers not as important? Why don’t we have a 100 ft set-a-aside for those?

6. Washington State has 1200 acres of pristine prairie habitat on 183rd Ave. and Case Rd., they allow hunting and horses and dogs on it and they also mow part of it and have done controlled burns on it in the last year. Are these gophers and prairie soil habitat not as important?

7. I have traveled around Southern Thurston County and have seen multitudes of gopher mounds. Why does the county believe that the gophers are so critical? I believe that someone has not really done their homework.
8. This is very devastating to all property owners with the Critical Ordinance and deems most properties almost unusable or totally unusable and severely affects the values of the properties and makes them not desirable for sale.

9. The prairie habitat, up to 120 different plant life they want set-a-side for.
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1) It is my understanding that the Oregon White Oak is native to Oregon. Why is Thurston County protecting a species that is not native to our area?

2) What statistics or evidence can you show that the pocket gopher is a threatened species? IE: What was the population 10 years ago as opposed to today?

As a creature that only has a lifespan of 14 months maximum, it seems they are adept at continuing reproduction whether in a neighborhood or prairie. IE, look at moles. Many preventative efforts have failed through the years.
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Needed maps or web site of final proposal so folks can see how this affects their property (or property they are interested in).
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AND THIS REPRESENTS ALL OF THURSTON COUNTY - ALL OF US ARE AFFECTED BY THIS SLAM DUNK ORDINANCE.

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