

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 002

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KITTITAS COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 1.08 TO MODIFY AND UPDATE
COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS AND VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES**

- Whereas:** Pursuant to RCW 36.32.020, the Board of County Commissioners must divide their county into three commissioner districts so each district comprises as nearly as possible one-third of the population of the county; and
- Whereas:** Pursuant to RCW 29A.76.010, it is the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners to periodically redistrict, based on population information from the most recent federal decennial census; and
- Whereas:** 2020 federal decennial census data was released August 15 of 2021; and
- Whereas:** On February 15, 2022, at 2:00pm, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing to present the proposed commissioner district lines as redrawn; and
- Whereas:** The Board of County Commissioners approved a redistricting plan on February 15 of 2022 in accordance with state law and federal census data; and
- Whereas:** Pursuant to RCW 29A.16.050, every election precinct must be wholly within a single congressional district, a single legislative district, a single district of a county legislative authority, and, if applicable, a city; and
- Whereas:** Pursuant to RCW 29A.16.040, election precinct sizes are limited to 1500 active registered voters or less, and precinct boundaries may be altered any time as long as sufficient time exists prior to a given election, and precinct boundaries may also be altered when a city or town annexes unincorporated territory to the city or town; and
- Whereas:** Currently, the legal description of all Kittitas County election precincts is codified in Kittitas County Code Chapter 1.08, Commissioner Districts-Voting Precincts; and
- Whereas:** Election precinct boundaries must frequently be altered due to population growth or changes within the County, or due to annexation of territory by a city or town; and

Whereas: The County Auditor is authorized by RCW 29A.16.040(3) to temporarily adjust election precinct boundaries as needed to accommodate population growth or changes within precincts, or to accommodate the addition of territory to a city or town, and those adjustments are then adopted by the Board of County Commissioners; and

Whereas: Temporary adjustments to election precinct boundaries, while authorized by statute, cause the boundaries descriptions in Kittitas County Code Chapter 1.08 to become out of date until the code is updated, a time-consuming process; and

Whereas: It would increase efficiency, accuracy, and transparency, and be in the best interests of the public, for election precinct boundary descriptions to be removed from county code, and instead, be maintained by the Elections Division of the Kittitas County Auditor's Office and adjusted periodically as required by law. The election precinct boundary descriptions would then be on file and available for inspection by the public at the Elections Division of the Kittitas County Auditor's Office, and also be viewable as an election precinct boundary map on the Kittitas County website.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, the Board of County Commissioners, after due deliberation and in the best interest of the public, does hereby amend Kittitas County Code Chapter 1.08 to reflect redistricted boundary lines, and the amendments to code shall read as follows (additions to this text are shown by underline and deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

Chapter 1.08

COMMISSIONERS DISTRICTS - VOTING PRECINCTS*

Sections

1.08.010 Commissioner districts designated.

1.08.020 Voting precincts.

*** For the statutory provisions regarding the division of the county into three commissioner's districts by the board of county commissioners, see RCW 36.32.020; for provisions generally regulating the fixing of precincts, see RCW 29A.16.050.**

1.08.010 Commissioner Districts designated.

The three commissioner districts shall be defined as follows:

Commissioner District No. 1: Beginning at the intersection of W. Bender Rd and Rasmussen Rd, being the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. 26, T. 18, Range 18 WM, thence north along section lines to the south border of Section 34, T20,N, R 18E, thence east to the SE corner of said section, thence north along section 34, following section lines north to the County boundary, thence following the county boundary east, south, west, north and then west again to the SW corner of S. 36, T. 16, R18 WM, thence north along the section line to where it meets S. 36, T17, R 18, thence east

along the south border of said section to the SE corner, thence north along the section line to where it meets the Yakima River, thence following the Yakima River north to where it meets Umptanum Rd, thence east along Umptanum Rd, to Canyon Rd, thence north on Canyon Rd to the extension of S. Pearl St, thence north on the extension of S. Pearl St to E. Mountain View Ave, thence east on E. Mountain View Ave to S. Maple St, thence north on S. Maple St to E. Capital Ave, thence east on E. Capitol Ave to S. Alder St, thence north on S. Alder St to E. 4th Ave, thence east on E. 4th Ave to Angford Dr, thence following city limits in a northerly fashion to the John Wayne Trail/Palouse to Cascades Trail, thence east to N. Pfenning Rd, thence north along N. Pfenning Rd to city limits just north of E. Gala Way, thence west following city limits to Brick Rd , following Brick Rd to the extension of E. 18th Ave, thence west along E. 18th Ave to N. Chestnut St, thence north on N. Chestnut St to E. Juniper Ave, thence along E. Juniper Ave east to N. Yew St, thence north on N. Yew St. to E. White Birch Ave, thence west on E. White Birch Ave to N. Chestnut St, thence north on N. Chestnut St. to E. Helena Ave, thence east on E. Helena Ave to the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 25, T18N., R18E., thence north along said ¼ section line to E. Sanders Rd, thence west on E. Sanders Rd/Bender Rd to the intersection of W. Bender Rd and Rasmussen Rd, being to point of beginning.

Commissioner District No. 2: Beginning at the intersection of W. Bender Rd and Rasmussen Rd, being the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of S. 26, T. 18N, Range 18E , thence north along section lines to the south border of Section 34, T20,N, R 18E, thence east to the SE corner of said section, thence north along section 34, following section lines north to the County boundary, thence following the county boundary between Chelan, to King, and Yakima Counties to the SE corner of S. 36, T 16N, R 18E, thence north along section lines to where it meets the Yakima River at the NE corner of Section 36, T 17N, R 18E, , thence north along the Yakima River to Umptanum Rd, continuing to follow the Yakima River and then the Ellensburg City limits north to the intersection of US 97 and Old Highway 10, thence south along Old Highway Ten to where it meets with Currier Creek and Ellensburg city limits, thence north along Currier Creek to where it crosses W. Dry Creek, continuing to follow Currier Creek to where it meets the Palouse to Cascades Trail, thence following the trail south to where it meets city limits at Reecer Creek Rd, north on Reecer Creek to W. Bender Rd, thence east along W. Bender Rd to Rasmussen Rd, being the point of beginning.

Commissioner District No. 3: Beginning at W. Bender Rd and Rasmussen Rd, thence east along W. Bender Rd, continuing on E. Sanders Rd to city limits at the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of S. 25, T. 18, R. 18, thence south along said line to E. Helena Ave, thence west on E. Helena Ave to N. Chestnut St, thence south on N. Chestnuts St to E. White Birch Ave, thence east on E. White Birch Ave to N. Yew St, thence south on N. Yew St to E. Juniper Ave, thence west on E. Juniper Ave to N. Chestnut St, thence south on N. Chestnut St to E. 18th Ave, thence east on E. 18th Ave to N. Alder St, continuing east to Ellensburg city limits at Brick Rd, thence south and east following city limits to N. Pfenning Rd, thence south on N. Pfenning Rd to Vantage Hwy, thence west following city limits to Palouse to Cascades Trail fka the John Wayne Trail, thence south following Ellensburg City limits to Angford Dr, thence west along Angford Dr becoming E. 4th Ave, thence west on E. 4th Ave to No. Alder St, thence south on N. Alder St to E. Capitol Ave, thence west on E. Capitol Ave to S. Maple St, thence south on S. Maple St to E. Mountain View Ave, thence west on E.

Mountain View Ave to S. Pearl St, thence south on the extension of S. Pearl St to where it the extension meets Canyon Rd, thence south along Canyon Rd to Umptanum Rd, thence west along W. Umptanum Rd to where it meets the Yakima River, being the west end of Ellensburg City limits, thence following city limits in a northwesterly manner to where the city limits and US 97 meet, thence east to Old Hwy 10, thence following city limits south to where where it meets with Currier Creek and Ellensburg city limits, thence north along Currier Creek to where it crosses W. Dry Creek, continuing to follow Currier Creek to where it meets the Palouse to Cascades Trail, thence following the trail south to where it meets city limits at Reecer Creek Rd, north on Reecer Creek to W. Bender Rd, thence east along W. Bender Rd to Rasmussen Rd, being the point of beginning.

1.08.020 Voting precincts.

The Kittitas County Auditor is authorized to adjust voting precinct boundaries as required to bring the precincts into compliance with Chapter 29A.16 RCW. Voting precinct boundary descriptions shall be on file in the Auditor’s Office, and available for public inspection. The voting precinct boundaries shall also be viewable as a map on the Kittitas County website. Temporary precinct adjustments shall be referred to the Board of County Commissioners for approval by resolution within one year of date of adjustment. (Ord. 2005-21, 2005; Vol. M, p. 213, 1960).

BE IT ALSO ORDAINED, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

BE IT ALSO ORDAINED, the Information Technology Department is charged with incorporating and updating the amendment authorized herein on the Kittitas County web page.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office is charged with correcting any scrivener’s errors arising out of the amendment process. No further authorization will be needed from the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners for the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office to effect correction of scrivener’s errors relating to this Ordinance.

ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2022, at Ellensburg, Washington.

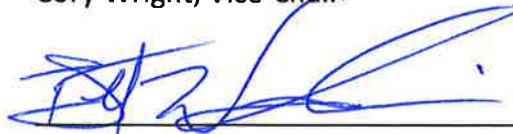
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