

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.10 OF THE KITTITAS COUNTY CODE

ORDINANCE No. 2022 - 002

WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this Ordinance pursuant to and by the authority of Chapter 70.05 of the Revised Code of Washington to establish a local board of health; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the general public, and not to create or otherwise establish or designate any particular call or group of person who will or should be especially protected or benefited by the Ordinance through the formation of and participation in the local board of health;

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liberally construed for the accomplishment of its purpose; and

WHEREAS, nothing contained in the Ordinance is intended to be nor shall be construed to create or for the basis for any liability on the part of the Board of Health, Kittitas County, or any of its officers, employees, or agents, for any injury or damage resulting from the failure of any person subject to Chapter 2.10 of the Kittitas County Code to comply with this Ordinance; or by reason or in consequence of any act or omission in connection with the implementation or enforcement of the above referenced Chapter on the part of the Board of Health, Kittitas County, or any of its officers, employees, or agents; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 16, 2022, and the public was provided due notice and opportunity to provide testimony on the proposed ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes that adopting this Ordinance would be in the best interest of Kittitas County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2.10 of the Kittitas County Code is amended by creating the following new section.

2.10 BOARD OF HEALTH

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Sections

[2.10.010](#) Responsibilities.

[2.10.020](#) Members.

[2.10.030](#) Terms.

[2.10.040](#) Appointment.

[2.10.050](#) Board of Health Bylaws

[2.10.060](#) Compensation or reimbursement.

* Prior legislation: Res. 76-44, Res. 79-6, Res. 84-2, Ords. 97-03 and 99-03.

2.10.010 Responsibilities.

The board of health shall preside as the governing body for the Kittitas County Public Health Department. Responsibilities include policy framework, budget, contracts, and long-range planning. The board of health shall work in collaboration with the county health officer, public health department management, and community members to ensure that the core public health functions, as set forth in statute, as well as local assessment and planning, are implemented and maintained.

The health department budget is to be discussed with the board of health prior to presentation to the board of county commissioners. The board of health then sends the budget on to the board of county commissioners for consideration in the context of the entire county budget. Similarly, budget amendments go first to the board of health, then to the board of county commissioners. Capital facilities will generally be handled by the board of county commissioners; this includes buildings, computers, copiers, fax machines, furniture, etc. If the Administrative Officer determines that an issue or expenditure could impact the level of service or the policy direction of the health department, they may bring that issue before the board of health for discussion in that forum. The hiring, termination and performance evaluations of the Administrative Officer are the responsibility of the board of health and will be consistent with county human resource policy. Kittitas County human resources will handle personnel issues and establish salary ranges with input from the Administrative Officer and the board of health, with the final decisions resting with the board of county commissioners. (Ord. 2000-08; Ord. 2000-02).

2.10.020 Members.

The board of health shall be composed of a minimum of six members, with the recruitment, selection, and appointment of members as established by RCW 70.46.

2.10.030 Terms.

Appointed individuals shall serve staggered, three-year terms. The term of office for all appointees shall commence on the first day of the month in which the term is to commence. Terms for community representatives on the Board of Health shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms. Term-limited members may reapply if a vacancy exists for thirty (30) days after term ends.

2.10.040 Appointment.

The Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners shall appoint the nonelected members of the Board of Health in accordance with Chapter 246-90 Washington Administrative Code, Local Board of Health Membership, effective July 1, 2022.

2.10.050 Board of Health Bylaws.

The Kittitas County Board of Health shall establish bylaws addressing the purpose, membership details, legislative powers, duties, functions, officers and their duties, meetings and quorum, business

of regular meetings, rules of business, amendments to the bylaws, and joint public hearings. These bylaws shall be approved and adopted through a majority vote of the Board of Health and resolution.

2.10.060 Compensation or reimbursement.

Appointed members of the board of health shall not receive compensation for their service. Appointed members may receive reimbursement for approved expenses related to the completion of their responsibilities. (Ord. 2000-08; Ord. 2000-02).

ADOPTED this 16th day of June.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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