

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-012

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 2.68 KCC MOVING THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE INTO
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND MOVING THE BUILDING INSPECTOR INTO COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Kittitas County strives to provide quality, innovative, and efficient services to the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.32 authorizes the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners to operate certain departments, including Community Development Services, building inspection, and the Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS, building inspection has long been a part of Community Development Services and supervised thereunder; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Marshal's office, for efficiency purposes, is being moved into the Sheriff's Office with the consent of the Sherriff; and

WHEREAS, After a duly noted public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of Kittitas County to move the Fire Marshal's Office into the Sheriff's Office and to acknowledge that building inspection is a function of the Community Development Services.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Fire Marshal's office is hereby moved into and placed under the Sheriff's Office, effective October 18, 2022, and that the building inspector is formally recognized as being within Community Development Services; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED, that Kittitas County Code Ch. 2.68 shall be amended as follows:

KCC 2.68.010 Building inspection shall be within Community Development Services and supervised within that department and the fire marshal shall be within the Sheriff's office and supervised within that department as provided in KCC 20.01.040.

KCC 2.68.020 Building inspectors are responsible for, and have all necessary authority to, enforce the provision of all relevant federal, state, and local building codes and the fire marshal

is responsible for, and has all necessary authority to, enforce the provisions of all relevant federal, state, and local fire codes.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED. That the County Information Technology department is directed to amend the above-mentioned sections of county code as herein provided and that the Prosecutor's Office is authorized to direct Information Technology as to correction of any and all scrivener's errors it, at its own discretion, finds without needing further authorization from the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2022

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



Laura Osiadacz, Chairman



Cory Wright, Vice-Chairman



Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner

ATTEST

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Clerk of the Board- Julie Kjorsvik

Deputy Clerk of the Board- Mandy Buchholz



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Neil Caulkins,
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Chapter 2.68

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR AND FIRE MARSHAL

Sections

2.68.010 Created - Supervision.

2.68.020 Powers and duties generally.

2.68.010 Created - Supervision.

Building inspection shall be within Community Development Services and supervised within that department and the fire marshal shall be within the Sheriff's office and supervised within that department as provided in KCC 20.01.040.~~In accordance with and by the authority of Chapter 19.27 RCW, Kittitas County herewith creates the department of building inspector and fire marshal. (Ord. 99-03, 1999; Res. 77- 116, 1977).~~

2.68.020 Powers and duties generally.

Building inspectors are responsible for, and have all necessary authority to, enforce the provision of all relevant federal, state, and local building codes and the fire marshal is responsible for, and has all necessary authority to, enforce the provisions of all relevant federal, state, and local fire codes.~~Effective January 1, 1978, the building department and fire marshal shall be charged with the responsibility of enforcing the provisions of Chapters 19.27 and 36.43 RCW, and generally enforcing the building codes and fire codes and carrying out such other duties as may be assigned to the department by the board of county commissioners. (Ord. 99-03, 1999; Res. 77-116, 1977).~~