

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

Resolution approving portions of
Board of Yakima County Commissioners
Ordinance 1-2021

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 70.05.030 allowing the board of county commissioners, at its discretion, to “adopt an ordinance expanding the size and composition of the board of health to include elected officials from cities and towns and persons other than elected officials as members so long as persons other than elected officials do not constitute a majority. An ordinance adopted under this section shall include provisions for the appointment, term, and compensation, or reimbursement of expenses.”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board of Yakima County Commissioners Ordinance 1-2021, the Board of Yakima County Commissioners amended chapter 6.04 of the Yakima County Code, including amendments to sections 6.04.010 and 6.04.030 and the creation of 6.04.035;

WHEREAS, The Yakima Health District Board of Health previously adopted Resolution 2018-03 (Resolution approving the selection process for elected city officials and citizen board members to the Board of Health) on April 25, 2018;

WHEREAS, as of this date, interested candidates for the two open elected official positions and the open citizen representative position have submitted their letters of qualification and have been interviewed by the nominating committee of Commissioner McKinney, Ryan Ibach, and Dr. Sean Cleary; and

WHEREAS, there is no intention for this resolution to have any affect on the nomination nor appointment processes for any of three current open positions identified above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the appointment process for elected officials and citizen representatives will follow procedures as outlined in Yakima Health District Board of Resolution 2018-3, unless specifically identified in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the two elected officials of the cities and towns within Yakima County will be nominated by the Board of Yakima County Commissioners and appointed by the Board of Health to represent the collective interests of all cities within Yakima County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the two citizens from within Yakima County with an interest in public health will be nominated by the Board of Yakima County Commissioners and appointed by the Board of Health for four-year terms, which terms shall be staggered so that every two years one of such terms shall expire. A citizen may serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the elected officials shall be appointed by the Board of Health after all of the following steps have been completed:

- (a) The Yakima Health District has made the cities and towns in Yakima County aware of a vacant position by promoting and seeking qualified candidates;
- (b) Interested candidates have submitted letters of qualification and interest within 30 days of the announcement that the position is vacant;
- (c) The Board of Yakima County Commissioners has reviewed the submitted letters, conducted interviews and has nominated candidates to the Board of Health for consideration;
- (d) The Board of Health has reviewed the submitted letters and interviewed the nominated persons;
- (e) The Board of Health, by a majority vote, has selected a candidate to serve a term on the Board of Health;
- (f) Regarding any vote required, any current board member may not vote on an open position in which they are a candidate; and
- (g) In the event that a tie may occur in the voting process because a current board member is prohibited from voting on a position for which that board member is a candidate, then the chair of the Board of Health shall cast the deciding vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each elected official shall serve a term of two years at the pleasure of the entity or entities appointing him/her. Consecutive terms are allowed, but in no event may a member serve beyond the term of the elective office which qualifies him or her to serve on the board of health: *provided*, that no elected official is eligible for appointment to the Board of Health if his/her elected term expiration date would leave a mid-term vacancy on the Board of Health. An elected official may serve no more than four consecutive two-year terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Yakima County Coroner shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Health. The Coroner shall not have voting privileges, shall not be included in the count when determining the number needed for a quorum and shall not be counted when determining if a quorum is present.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term "elected official" shall include an official appointed to an elected position.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this