

# AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Yakima County Commissioners' Office, Room 232

Prepared by:

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Department: Public Services

Requested Agenda Date: 11/15/2021

Presenting: Lisa Freund

Document Title:

In the Matter of Setting the Date for a Public Hearing to Consider the Planning Commission's Recommendation to Amend the Yakima County Code concerning the Hearing Examiner (LRN2019-0004/SEP2021-00040)

Action Requested: *Check Applicable Box*

- PASS RESOLUTION     EXECUTE or AMEND **AGREEMENT** CONTRACT or GRANT  
 ISSUE PROCLAMATION     PASS ORDINANCE     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background Information:

Since the County Commissioners adopted the Hearing Examiner system in 1986, many changes to the codes and planning systems have occurred that are resulting in outdated and inconsistent language in several titles of the Yakima County Code (YCC). These proposed text amendments are intended to eliminate the conflicting and outdated provisions.

The proposed amendments to the text of Yakima County Code (YCC) 2.23 (Hearing Examiner), YCC 16B (Project Permit Administration), YCC 19 (Unified Land Development Code), YCC 20 (Yakima County Fee Schedule), and YCC 21 (Code Enforcement) will eliminate conflicting and outdated provisions; clarify, correct, and simplify language; increase transparency; establish and improve procedures; and provide for virtual public hearings.

Summary & Recommendation:


Adopt this resolution to set 12-7-21 as the date for a public hearing on the proposed Hearing Examiner text amendments.

Motion:

Motion to adopt this resolution to set a hearing date.

Department Head/ Elected Official

**AGREEMENT** Attached Is Approved as to Form  
Corporate Counsel Initial \_\_\_\_\_

  
Signature

Late Agenda Requests Require BOCC Chairman Signature:  
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Board of County Commissioners Record Assigned  
# **262-2021**

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:  
 Consent     Regular  
*Board of County Commissioners Determined*

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION**

**IN THE MATTER OF SETTING THE  
DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO  
CONSIDER THE PLANNING  
COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION  
TO AMEND THE YAKIMA COUNTY  
CODE CONCERNING THE HEARING  
EXAMINER  
(LRN2019-00004/SEP2021-00040)**

**262-2021**

**WHEREAS**, Yakima County established the hearing examiner system in 1986 to manage certain land use matters in conjunction with adopting the Yakima Urban Area Zoning Ordinance; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, since 1986, many changes to the county's land use codes, other codes, and land use planning systems have occurred that are resulting in outdated and inconsistent language in several titles of the Yakima County Code (YCC); **and**,

**WHEREAS**, the board wishes to eliminate such conflicting and outdated provisions, clarify, correct, and simplify language, increase transparency, establish and improve procedures, and provide for virtual public hearings; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, the Public Services staff has drafted proposed code amendments that would accomplish such objectives; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, the planning commission has reviewed the proposed amendments and held a public hearing on November 10, 2021 to provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the draft amendments; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, the planning commission has rendered its recommendation to this board in a document entitled "Findings of Fact and Recommendation" dated November 10, 2021; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, the board wishes to provide another opportunity for the public to comment on the draft amendments at a public hearing before taking action on the planning commission's recommendation; **now, therefore**,

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Yakima County Commissioners that a public hearing be held on **December 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, on the proposals listed on the attached legal notice for the purpose of considering the proposed amendments.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to post, publish, and distribute notices of the hearing as prescribed by YCC 16B.10 and as otherwise appropriate.

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION**

**DONE**

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*Attest:*

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Julie Lawrence, Clerk of the Board *or*  
Linda Kay O'Hara, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Ron Anderson, Chairman

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Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

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LaDon Linde, Commissioner  
*Constituting the Board of County Commissioners  
for Yakima County, Washington*

**Board of Yakima County Commissioners  
Notice of Public Hearing**

**Proposed Hearing Examiner Text Amendments**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to resolution number 262-2021 the Board of Yakima County Commissioners will conduct an open record public hearing on **TUESDAY, December 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider proposed text amendments to the Yakima County Code concerning the Hearing Examiner (file numbers LRN2019-00004/SEP2021-00040). The proposed amendments, staff report, planning commission findings and recommendation, and SEPA documents can be found online at <https://www.yakimacounty.us/2572/Text-Amendments>. Contact Phil Hoge, Project Planner, at 509-574-2300 or [phil.hoge@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:phil.hoge@co.yakima.wa.us) for more information.

The public hearing will be conducted in-person and virtually using the Zoom conferencing platform. The location of the in-person public hearing is the BOCC Basement Conference Room, Room 33B, 128 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yakima, WA. Persons interested in attending the hearing virtually can join the meeting via the Zoom link and/or telephone number below:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94084501212?pwd=Q1VNdGVFcmlJaTW9ORzREUUtlWWt2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 940 8450 1212

Passcode: 874864

Dial by your location

+1 206 337 9723 US (Seattle)

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Meeting ID: 940 8450 1212

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Your views on the proposal is encouraged. You may provide written comments up to the hearing and oral comments at the public hearing. In addition, all written comments received prior to the hearings will be considered. You may send written comments via email to: [julie.lawrence@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:julie.lawrence@co.yakima.wa.us); via fax to: 574-1501; or via mail to: Board of County Commissioners, Yakima County Courthouse, 128 North Second Street, Yakima, WA 98901. Be sure to reference the file numbers of the proposed amendment in your correspondence.

Dated: November 15, 2021

Publish: November 17, 2021

Bill: Acct# 10826 Planning