

PROFILES OF YAKIMA COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

TITLE OF BOARD, COMMISSION OR COUNCIL	DESCRIPTION	LEGAL CITATION (REF)
Benton County Mosquito Control District	Resident of Yakima County with mosquito control knowledge/experience. The Board manages and directs the operations of the district whose mission is the control of mosquitoes within the Benton County Mosquito Control District.	RCW 17.28
Board of Equalization	Independent Board created to hear property tax appeals on Assessor's determination of assessed valuations and to equalize property.	RCW 84.48
Boundary Review Board	BRBs are mandated by state legislation, optional in Growth Management Counties. BRBs have jurisdiction over municipal annexations, incorporations, and creation or annexation of certain special districts & boundary changes.	RCW 36.93
Civil Service Commission	Make suitable rules & regulations which shall provide in detail the manner in which examinations may be held; give examination testing; conduct hearings & investigations; hear & determine appeals or complaints; certify names from the register to fill vacancies; and keep records in the administration of the commission.	RCW 41.14
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	Review EMS related issues such as changes in WAC or RCW. Evaluate any changes in protocol affecting Yakima County EMS. Review all EMS requests and make recommendations to County Commissioners.	RCW 70.168.120
Health District Board	Protects and promotes the health and quality of life for residents and visitors through prevention and control of disease and potential health hazards.	RCW 70.46 RCW 70.05
Horticulture Pest/Disease Board	More effectively control and prevent the spread of horticultural pests and diseases. Members have a practical knowledge of horticultural pests and diseases, are residents of the county, own land and are engaged in horticultural activities.	RCW 15.09
Open Space Advisory Committee	Reviews agricultural land lease data assembled by the Assessor; commodity price, tax and capitalization rates furnished by the Dept. of Revenue, for adoption and calculation of Current Use land valuation.	RCW 84.34

Planning Commission	Recommends long range planning policies and development standards for unincorporated areas of Yakima County.	RCW 36.70A
Selah Parks and Recreation	Jr Taxing District that collects taxes in order to offer a variety of recreation programs for youth and adults in the Selah area.	RCW 36.68.400 RCW 39.34
SIED -Supporting Investment in Economic Development	The SIED Board supports business and economic development projects throughout Yakima County.	RCW 82.85
South Central Workforce Development Council	Assist job seekers and employers with career assessment, job placement and skill building	RCW 28C.18.020
Water Conservancy Board	Rules on applications for volunteer water rights transfers. All decisions are subject to review by the Department of Ecology.	RCW 90.80
Yakima Clean Air Authority	Protecting the people and the environment of Yakima County from the effects of air pollution.	RCW 70.94.100
Mosquito Control District No. 1	Hold regular business meetings; take all necessary steps for the abatement of mosquitoes; annually determine the amount of money necessary for operation of the district & set the assessment rate required.	RCW 17.28
Noxious Weed Board	Board is authorized to hire employees, assign duties, offer suggestions, & develop a program to comply with county policy and state weed laws.	RCW 17.10
Yakima County Veteran's Advisory Committee	Provide information and access to Federal, State and local services to Veterans	RCW 73.08.035
Yakima Valley Regional Library Board	Adopt bylaws, rules & regulations; supervise care and custody of library; employ librarian; annual budget; lease buildings; purchase books and materials; and act as necessary for the orderly & efficient management and control of the library.	RCW 27.12.190