

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Before the
Board of Skamania County Commissioners

PURPOSE: Skamania County Board of Commissioners hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held to consider Ordinance 2022-02 amending Skamania County Code Title 8 – Health and Safety; Chapter 8.04.040 Board of Health.

E2SHB1152 was passed by legislature during the 2021 legislative session requiring that local boards of health expand the composition to include an equal number of members who are nonelected officials. The statute specifies groups of individuals that must be represented on the expanded local board of health. (*RCW 70.05.030 Counties – Local Board of Health – Jurisdiction, Effective July 1, 2022*).

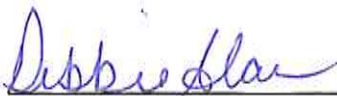
Written testimony/comments to be considered at the public hearing by the Board of Commissioners must be received by the Clerk of the Board by 12:00 PM on the Monday preceding the date of the public hearing. Send to Skamania County Board of Commissioners, Attn: Clerk of the Board, PO Box 790, Stevenson, WA 98648 or slack@co.skamania.wa.us Anyone interested may appear and be heard.

Copies of Ordinance 2022-02 are available to the public in the Commissioners' Office, Room 15, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA or may be viewed on our website at www.skamaniacounty.org

DATE: Tuesday, April 19, 2022
TIME: 5:30 PM
PLACE: Skamania County Courthouse, Room No. 18 (lower level)
240 NW Vancouver Avenue
Stevenson, WA.

Skamania County Courthouse is accessible for persons with disabilities. Please let us know if you will need any special accommodations in order to attend the meeting. (509) 427-3700.

DATED this 29th day of March 2022



Debbie Slack
Clerk of the Board

Publish: April 6, 2022

ORDINANCE 2022-02
(AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SKAMANIA COUNTY CODE
CHAPTER 8.04.040 – BOARD OF HEALTH)

WHEREAS, the County is authorized under RCW Chapter 70.05 to expand the size and composition of the local board of health; and,

WHEREAS, the 2021 Washington State Legislature, under E2SHB 1151, enacted legislation addressing the compositions and appointments to local boards of health which will require Skamania County, as of July 1, 2022, to amend Ordinance 2009-05 Chapter 8.04.040; and,

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2022, E2SHB 1151 changes the required composition of local boards of health by requiring an equal number of members who are nonelected officials as number of elected officials; and,

WHEREAS, the statute specifies groups of individuals that must be represented on the local board of health as outlined in RCW 70.05.030; and

WHEREAS, the statute requires the board to establish rules for the appointment process for the nonelected members that is fair, unbiased, and that ensures that nonelected members are diverse in expertise and experience; and,

WHEREAS, Skamania County has usual and accustomed areas for American Indian and Alaska Native people, In-lieu fishing sites, which requires that the expanded Board of Health have a tribal representative selected by the American Indian Health Commission; and,

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was provided in the official newspaper of general circulation at least 10 days prior to the public hearing, meeting the notification requirements; and,

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners held a workshop to discuss Ordinance 2022-02 establishing an expanded Board of Health; and,

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., the Board of County Commissioners held a legislative public hearing on Ordinance 2022-02; and,

WHEREAS, after accepting public comment on the proposed amendment to Chapter 8.04.040, the public hearing was closed to further comment; and,

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners considered adoption of Ordinance 2022-02; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HERBY ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED Ordinance 2022-02 amending Skamania County Code Chapter 8.04.040 – expanded local board of health is hereby adopted.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be adopted and become effective on this day, April 19, 2022, by the Skamania County Board of County Commissioners, a political subdivision of the State of Washington.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form only
Adam Kick, Prosecutor