

YAKIMA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING & SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Yakima County Planning Commission will conduct a virtual/telephonic open record public hearing using the GoToMeeting platform on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.** to consider text amendments to Yakima County Code (YCC) related to Hearing Examiner provisions. The hearing will be conducted exclusively online using the GoToMeeting conferencing platform. Persons interested in attending or testifying should use the following information to log into the meeting:

Please join the hearing from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/915648997>

You can also dial in using your telephone (audio-only):
+1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 915-648-997

HEARING ITEM

LRN2021-00004 / SEP2021-00040 – This hearing is on the Hearing Examiner text amendments proposed by the Yakima County Public Services’ Planning Division. The amendments would amend the text of the Yakima County Code (YCC) related to Hearing Examiner provisions. The amendments are proposed to 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Land Development Code), YCC 20 (Yakima County Fee Schedule), and YCC 21 (Code Enforcement) to eliminate conflicting and outdated provisions; clarify, correct, and simplify language; increase transparency; establish and improve procedures; and provide for virtual public hearings.

The public is invited to testify at the hearing on the proposal. Written comments may be submitted at the hearing or prior to the hearing as described below.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This proposal is subject to environmental review. The Yakima County Planning Division is the lead agency for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The environmental checklist and other information on file with the Planning Division are available to the public as described below. Comments on the proposal will be used to prepare an environmental threshold determination, which will then be issued for additional comments.

Copies of the final environmental threshold determination will be sent to those who comment or may be obtained upon request. The threshold determination will be associated with a development regulation amendment, which is a legislative action that is processed under YCC 16B.10. As such, there will be no administrative appeal of the final environmental threshold determination.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You can view the proposed text amendments and the SEPA checklist at <https://www.yakimacounty.us/923/Planning-Commission> (look under Agendas & Minutes, under November 10, 2021 Hearing, 6:00 P.M., and under LRN2019-00004/SEP2021-00040). You may also request these documents to be mailed or emailed to you, or view these documents at the Yakima County Planning Division, 128 N. 2nd St., 4th Floor Courthouse, Yakima WA 98901.

Your views on the proposal and its possible environmental impacts are welcome, and any person may provide written comments on issues related to the proposal. All written comments received by **4:00 p.m., November 12, 2021** will be considered prior to making the environmental threshold determination. Email your comments to longrangeplanning@co.yakima.wa.us or mail them to Yakima County Planning Division, 128 N. 2nd St., 4th Floor Courthouse, Yakima, WA 98901. Be sure to reference the above case numbers in your correspondence and provide your contact information including mailing address. Anyone who submits written comments will automatically become a party of record and will be notified of any decision on this project.

For additional information contact Phil Hoge, Project Planner, at 509-574-2300 or phil.hoge@co.yakima.wa.us.

Dated: October 28, 2021