

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF KITTITAS  
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 002**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.81 OF THE KITTITAS COUNTY CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Kittitas County hereby adopts this Ordinance pursuant to and by the authority of Chapter 36.34 of the Revised Code of Washington to establish comprehensive procedures for the management of county property consistent with the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the process in which County property may be sold including at a privately operated consignment auction, as provided in RCW 36.34.080, that is open to the public, and not to create or otherwise establish or designate any particular class or group of person who will or should be especially protected or benefited by this Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liberally construed for the accomplishment of its purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, nothing contained in this Ordinance is intended to be nor shall be construed to create or form the basis for any liability on the part of the Board of Commissioners, Kittitas County, or any of its officers, employees, or agents, for any injury or damage resulting from the failure of any person subject to Chapters 2.81 of the Kittitas County Code to comply with this Ordinance, or by reason or in consequence of any act or omission in connection with the implementation or enforcement of the above referenced Chapter on the part of the Board of Commissioners, Kittitas County, or any of its officers, employees, or agents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners wish to update the County Code concerning the process in which the County may surplus real and/or personal property that is owned by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2PM and the public was provided due notice and opportunity to provide testimony on the proposed ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners believes that adopting this Ordinance would be in the best interest of Kittitas County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Kittitas County that Chapter 2.81 of the Kittitas County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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- ii. Exchange or trade-in for publicly or privately owned property needed by the county;
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  - iv. Public purpose sale or lease;
  - v. Lease to nongovernmental parties;
  - vi. Retention by the county if a parcel is within an environmentally sensitive area, a floodplain, a slide hazard property or another area whose public ownership is in the public interest;
  - vii. Sale at public auction.
  - viii. Sale at a privately operated consignment auction that is open to the public
- b. If the board concludes that the property is surplus to the foreseeable needs of the county, the board may authorize the sale or other disposition of such property as provided by this chapter. (Ord. 2009-04, 2009

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman

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Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman

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Cory Wright, Commissioner



ATTEST:

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 Clerk of the Board- Julie Kjorsvik

Deputy Clerk of the Board- Mandy Buchholz

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