



To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)
Joint BOH/BOCC Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

**August 17, 2017
Commissioners' Auditorium
10:00 a.m.**

Present

Board of Health (BOH): Paul Jewell, Laura Osiadacz, John Asriel, M.D.

Absent: Obie O'Brien, Rich Elliott

Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC): Carin Thomas

Public Health: Candi Blackford, Kaitlyn Reddick, Kasey Knutson, Amy Fuller, Tristen Lamb, Holly Myers, Robin Read

Other: Stephanie Hartung, Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney

Paul Jewell called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Kasey Knutson, Health Promotion Supervisor, stepped to the microphone and reviewed the staff report. Ms. Knutson informed the board members that on June 18, 2009, the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance to prohibit smoking in public places. On August 18, 2016 an ordinance was approved to amend Chapter 8.24 of the Kittitas County Code to include electronic cigarettes or "vaping" to the Smoking in Public Places ordinance. On April 6, 2017 KCPHD staff met with the Kittitas County Fair Board and presented information about the departments grant funded work to help locations interested in going tobacco/vape free. At that meeting, the Fair board requested to restrict smoking and vaping to designated areas only. The policy would protect public health, safety, and welfare by decreasing exposure to smoke and vape, as well as limit garbage and potential fire damage to the Kittitas Valley Event Center (KVEC). On July 24, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners met with the Kittitas County Public Health Department, Kittitas Valley Event Center, and a subcommittee to discuss designated areas in the fairgrounds to be smoke and vape free for the fair. Ultimately it was determined, per the recommendation of the Kittitas County Prosecutor at a July 24, 2017 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, to designate other events as smoke and vape free, not just the fair. The following changes were presented:

8.24.075 Kittitas County Event Center smoking and vaping regulation.

1. No person may smoke and/or use an electronic vaping device in any location operated by the Kittitas County Event Center, unless the location has been clearly identified as a designated

smoking and or vaping area, at any time in which the Board of County Commissioners has declared the necessity for such regulation.

2. Designated smoking and/or vaping area regulations shall always be in effect during the Kittitas County Fair and Rodeo, and may be invoked at any other event held at the Kittitas County Event Center that is open to the public when a smoking and/or vaping regulation is found to be in the best interest of public health, safety, and welfare.
3. Regulation assessment criteria includes, but is not limited to, enhanced fire protection and control, and certain weather conditions that make it difficult to control exposure to non-smokers and/or non-vaping device users.
4. The Board of County Commissioners may invoke the smoking and/or vaping regulation by resolution any time prior to the commencement of any qualifying event.
5. The Kittitas County Event Center shall post signs consistent with this chapter limiting smoking and/or vaping as appropriate under this chapter. Signs shall be posted conspicuously at building entrances and in other prominent locations throughout the Kittitas County Event Center.

Paul Jewell opened up for public testimony at 10:08 am

No public comment

Public comment was closed at 10:08 am

Paul Jewell asked for a motion to approve BOH Ordinance 2017-001 Amending Chapter 8.24 of the Kittitas County Code.

Motion 08-01: Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-001 that amends Chapter 8.24 of the Kittitas County Code. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve Ordinance 2017-001 that amends Chapter 8.24 of the Kittitas County Code. John Asriel M.D. second. All approved. Motion 08-01 carried to approve Ordinance 2017-001 that amends Chapter 8.24 of the Kittitas County Code.

Paul Jewell asked for a motion to approve BOCC Ordinance 2017-005 Amending Chapter 8.24 of the Kittitas County Code.

Motion 08-02: Motion to approve BOCC Ordinance 2017-005 Amending Chapter 8.24 of the Kittitas County Code. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve BOCC Ordinance 2017-005 Amending Chapter 8.24 of the Kittitas County Code. Paul Jewell second. Motion 08-02 carried to approve BOCC Ordinance 2017-005 Amending Chapter 8.24 of the Kittitas County Code.

Commissioner Jewell thanked staff for the work done and is glad to see this moving forward.

Public Hearing concluded at 10:11 a.m.

Paul Jewell, Chair of the Board of Health

Robin Read, Administrator,
Kittitas County Public Health

Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health