



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

**Joint Board of County Commissioners and Board of Health  
Public Hearing  
December 18, 2025  
Commissioners' Auditorium**

**Present**

**Board of Health (BOH):** Brett Wachsmith, Laura Osiadacz, Danielle Bertschi, Dede Feddema

**Absent:** Cory Wright, Linda Navarre

**Public Health:** Jesse Cox, Candi Blackford, Chelsey Loeffers, Erin Moore, Kate Johnson, MacKenzie Carter, Melissa Schumaier, Katie Odiaga, Cambron Walker, Audi Martinez, Chris Ofsthun, Dan Suggs, Kim Shilley, Kasey Knutson, Laurie Holt, Rebekah Moon

*Laura Osiadacz called the Public Hearing to order at 10:00 am.*

Jesse Cox stepped to the microphone and reviewed the staff report and gave a brief background of how the fees are established and noted that the following:

- Environmental Health (EH) fees are updated annually using a full cost-recovery model.
- For 2026, staff incorporated a new five-year time data review to improve accuracy and fee stability. This adjustment resulted in small changes across nearly all EH fees, and staff recommend updating all fees accordingly.
- EH fees are projected to generate \$831,045, representing 68% of the EH budget
- Vital Records fees are projected to generate \$65,000 in revenue
- Passports are projected to generate \$12,000 in revenue
- All fees combined are projected to account for 10% of the department's overall budget

Mr. Cox discussed a few changes to Environmental Health fees and noted that fees account for approximately \$920,000.00 of the 2026 KCPHD Budget. All Environmental Health Fees are developed at full cost recovery.

At this time Mr. Cox asked the board for approval of a Board of County Commissioners and Board of Health Resolution to approve the 2026 Public Health Department Fee Schedule.

**Public Comment**

Public Comment open at 10:05am

Public Comment closes at 10:05am

Motion to approve the BOH Resolution 2025-004 to adopt the 2026 Public Health Fee Schedule.

**12.01: Motion to approve the BOH Resolution 2025-004 adopting the 2026 Public Health Fee Schedule. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve the BOH Resolution 2025-004 adopting the 2026 Public Health Fee Schedule. Daniel Bertschi second. All approved. Motion 12.01 carried to approve the BOH Resolution 2025-004 adopting the amended 2026 Public Health Fee Schedule.**

**Public Comment**

Public Comment open at 10:06 am

Public Comment closes at 10:06 am

Brett Wachsmith asked for a motion to approve BOCC Resolution 2025-256 adopting the 2026 Kittitas County Public Health Fee Schedule.

**12.02: Motion to approve the BOCC Resolution 2025-256 adopting the 2026 Public Health Fee Schedule. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve the BOCC Resolution 2025-256 adopting the 2026 Public Health Fee Schedule. Laura Osiadacz second. All approved. Motion 12.02 carried to approve the BOCC Resolution 2025-256 adopting the 2026 Public Health Fee Schedule.**

Concluded at 10:07 am



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Laura Osiadacz, Commissioner, Chair



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Chelsey Loeffers, Director  
Kittitas County Public Health



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Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health