

ORDINANCE NO. 16320

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 16319 to change its effective date to November 28, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 16319, on November 7, 2023, increasing the membership of the Board of Health from eight members to twelve members, as a result of the increase in the Board of County Commissioners to five members; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Ordinance 16319, it has come to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners, that the two newly elected commission members may take office immediately upon the issuance of a certificate of election for their positions, not on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of Ordinance 16319 must be amended to the date the newly elected commission members may take office;

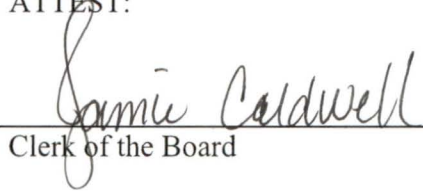
NOW THEREFORE, the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 16319 shall be amended as set forth in Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect November 28, 2023.


ADOPTED: November 21, 2023

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


JON TUNHEIM  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

  
Jane Futterman  
Sr. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Thurston County, Washington

  
Chair

  
Vice-Chair

  
Commissioner

**CODIFY**

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### ORDINANCE NO. 16319

AN ORDINANCE amending Thurston County Code chapter 2.07 increasing the membership on the board of health consistent with RCW 70.05.030.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners adopts the following findings:

1. RCW 70.05.030(1) provides that the membership of the county board of health shall include the board of county commissioners and requires the composition of the local board of health to include non-elected members who represent community interests such as public health, health care facilities, providers, consumers of public health, other community stakeholders, and a tribal representative.
2. RCW 70.05.030 further requires the number of non-elected members on the board of health to equal the number of city and county elected officials.
3. At the 2022 General Election, the voters of Thurston County approved increasing the number of county commissioners from three to five, with the two additional county commissioners to be elected at the November 2023 General Election and to assume their terms in office January 1, 2024 upon certification of their election.
4. As a result of the addition of two county commissioners, RCW 70.05.030 requires the board of health to include two additional positions that are not elected officials, increasing the board of health to twelve members, effective January 1, 2024.
5. Thurston County Code chapter 2.07 must be amended to provide for the additional board of health members required as a result of adding two county commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE, the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 2.07.010 of the Thurston County Code Chapter is amended to read as follows:

#### **2.07.010 Appointment and terms of service**

The board of health shall consist of ~~eight~~ twelve members who are residents of Thurston County, to include the following:

##### **A. County and City Elected Officials**

1. ~~The three~~ All of the members of the board of county commissioners
2. One member who is a city elected official, selected on a rotating basis from Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Yelm, beginning with Lacey, followed by Olympia, Tumwater and Yelm, and in this order thereafter. The city elected official shall serve a term of two years

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and until a successor is selected. A vacancy in an unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner as the original selection.

- B. Tribal representative. One member who is a tribal representative selected by the American Indian Health Commission. This member shall serve a term of three years, continuing until a successor is appointed, and may serve one additional consecutive 3-year term.
- C. Healthcare and community members. ~~Three~~ Five members approved and appointed by majority vote of the board of county commissioners selected from the following categories. The members shall not be elected officials and must be selected and meet the criteria consistent with the requirements of RCW 70.05.030(1)(a), chapter 246-290 WAC, and any other applicable rules adopted by the state board of health. Each member shall serve a term of three years, continuing until a successor is appointed, and the board of county commissioners may approve reappointment for one additional consecutive 3-year term.

1. ~~A~~ **One or more member representing public health, health care facilities, and providers.** This member must be a person practicing or employed in the county from any of the following categories:

- a. Medical ethicists;
- b. Epidemiologists;
- c. Experienced in environmental public health, such as a registered sanitarian;
- d. Community health workers;
- e. Holders of master's degrees or higher in public health or the equivalent;
- f. Employees of a hospital located in the county; or
- g. Any of the following providers holding an active or retired license in good standing under Title 18 RCW:
  - i. Physicians or osteopathic physicians;
  - ii. Advanced registered nurse practitioners;
  - iii. Physician assistants or osteopathic physician assistants;
  - iv. Registered nurses;
  - v. Dentists;
  - vi. Naturopaths; or
  - vii. Pharmacists.

2. ~~A~~ **One or more member representing consumers of public health.** This category consists of county residents who have self-identified as having faced significant health inequities or as having lived experiences with public health-related programs such as: the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children; the supplemental nutrition program; home visiting; or treatment services. Individuals from historically marginalized and underrepresented communities will be given preference. These individuals may not be elected officials and may not have any fiduciary obligation to a health facility or other health agency, and may not have a material financial interest in the rendering of health services.



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3. ~~A~~ **One or more member representing other community stakeholders.** This category consists of persons representing the following types of organizations located in the county:

- a. Community-based organizations or nonprofits that work with populations experiencing health inequities in the county;
- b. Active, reserve, or retired armed services members;
- c. The business community; or
- d. The environmental public health regulated community.

The board of health must actively recruit applicants for the non-elected healthcare and community member positions in a manner that solicits a broad pool of applicants that represent a diversity of expertise and lived experience. If the board of health demonstrates that it attempted to recruit a member from each of the three categories and was unable to do so, the board may select members only from the other two categories, provided that no more than one member may be from one type of background or position.

Upon completion of its recruitment and selection process, the board of health shall refer the selection to the clerk of the board of county commissioners for consideration of appointment. The referral shall include the selected applicant's completed application and a cover letter of interest.

Section 2. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is declared to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, in whole or in part by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance and its application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect November 28, 2023~~January 1,~~  
~~2024.~~

## CODIFY