

CITY COUNCIL/MANAGER FACT SHEET

What does a City Council do?

Analyze city needs



Set policy via resolutions, ordinances



Hire/Fire City Manager



Review & approve city budget



What does the City Manager do?

City Administrator



In charge of all city employees & depts.



Ensure ordinances & laws enforced



Develop city budget for Council approval



Make reports, recommend measures to Council



YOUR VOTE can have impact on city services and costs, so carefully review candidates for City Council!

How are Cities Funded?



Grants



State & Federal Funds



Permit & Service Fees



Taxes, bonds, levies

What Services Does a City Provide?

Greenspace, parks, trails



Community spaces, libraries



Policing & Courts



Fire fighting



Utilities



Public transit



CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR FACT SHEET

What does a City Council do?

Analyze city needs



Set policy via resolutions, ordinances



Review & approve city budget



What does the elected Mayor do?

City CEO & Administrator



In charge of all city employees & depts.



Ensure ordinances & laws enforced



Develop city budget for Council approval



Veto Power over Council Ordinances



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WATER DISTRICT FACT SHEET

What does a Water District do?



Deliver safe & reliable drinking water



Conserve & maintain water resources



Water districts are governed by 3 or 5 elected commissioners who serve 6-year nonpartisan terms.

What does the Board of Commissioners do?

Determine current & future customer needs



Select a water supply for current and future needs



Plan for collecting water, storing water, piping to move water around the district



YOUR VOTE can have an impact on services and costs, so carefully review candidates for Water District Commissioner

How are Water Districts Funded?



Customer fees



Taxes



Bonds

There are 6 water districts and one water/sewer district in Kittitas County. They issue an annual water quality report and notify customers in the event of water regulation violation or risk to public health. Water districts are important to every resident of Kittitas County!

Not registered? Go to VoteWA.gov to register online.

Scan QR code to learn more about Water Districts & Odd Year Elections.

Water Districts are Important - Vote!





HOSPITAL DISTRICT FACT SHEET

Kittitas County has Two Hospital Districts

Hospital District #1 (HD1) covers lower county - Kittitas Valley Healthcare (KVH hospital)

Hospital District #2 (HD2) covers upper county - Medic One ambulance service

Each Hospital District is governed by a Board of 5 elected commissioners who serve 6-year nonpartisan terms

What does the Board of Commissioners do?

Set policy & operational organization, and the delivery of quality care



Adopt general policies & delegate day-to-day operations to the district administrator



YOUR VOTE will help determine what healthcare services are available to you, service location, potential tax burden, so carefully review candidates for Hospital District Commissioner

How are Hospital Districts Funded?



Patient fees



Property taxes



Bonds

Only voters in upper county can vote for commissioners to HD2 while only lower county voters can elect commissioners to HD1. Go to VoteWA.gov to discover which Hospital District you reside within.

Scan QR code to learn more about Hospital Districts & Odd Year Elections.

Hospital Districts can save you - Vote!





SCHOOL BOARD FACT SHEET

What does a School Board do?



Link communities & public schools



Build public consensus to improve student outcomes



Share needs of students with communities



Direct resources to improve student conditions



Set goals & vision for student success

School Board Directors are elected to nonpartisan 4-year terms and are the governing body of a school district.

What do School Board Directors do?

Create policies and practices to promote education & daily physical activity of K-12 students



Safely & effectively manage and operate the district

Carry out what the Legislature authorizes

Hire, evaluate, & oversee school district superintendent

YOUR VOTE for school board director will help shape the school's curriculum, new school design & construction, repair of existing facilities, staffing levels for years to come. Due to typical low turnout for these elections, YOUR VOTE for school board director will count more than almost any other election.

How are School Districts Funded?



By our state legislature



Through local tax levies/bonds



Property taxes

A Good School Board:

1. Sets a vision for quality education in the school district
2. Advances policies that transform the vision into guidelines
3. Displays accountability and transparency
4. Leads in the community by listening to students and community concerns
5. Forges community consensus



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School Boards are Important - Vote!





PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT FACT SHEET

What does a Public Utility District do?



Provides electricity, or water/sewer, or local access to broadband telecommunication services

PUDs are governed by a Board of 3 or 5 elected commissioners who serve 6-year nonpartisan terms.

What do PUD Commissioners do?

Set customer rates



Oversee the operations of the PUD



Establish policies, approve budgets, spending, & projects.



YOUR VOTE for PUD commissioner can impact your life not only by the utility rates they set, the bonds they issue, or the taxes they levy, but by the level of service and customer care they provide to you.

How are Public Utility Districts funded?



Customer fees



Bonds



Property taxes

Public Utility Districts (PUD) are community owned, locally regulated utilities created by a vote of the people. In 1936, county residents voted to create Kittitas County PUD to provide electricity to residents in specific areas of the county.

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Public Utility Districts are Important - Vote!





FIRE DISTRICT FACT SHEET

What does a Fire District do?



Prevent Fires



Fight Fires



Emergency medical services (EMS)



Protect life & property

Fire Districts are governed by a Board of 3 or 5 commissioners who serve 6-year nonpartisan terms.

What does the Board of Commissioners do?

Set goals & service levels



Decide funding



Levy taxes



Develop budgets



Strategic planning



YOUR VOTE can have impact on services and costs, so carefully review candidates for Fire District Commissioner

How are Fire Districts Funded?



Property taxes



EMS fees



Property taxes for EMS



Cost recovery for some wildfires



Bonds

Do you live inside a Fire District?*

To find out if you have fire protection from one of Kittitas County's 7 Fire Districts, log in to VoteWA.gov, click on 'My Elected Officials' to find out what Fire District - if any - has the duty to protect you. ***Some rural areas in Kittitas County are outside all fire district boundaries.***

Scan QR code to learn more about Fire Districts & Odd Year Elections.

Fire Districts Can Save You - Vote!

