

Subject: Applicants Sought for Board and Commission Openings Contact: City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee – 575-6037 Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler – 901-1142 Release Date: Monday, February 3rd, 2014

Volunteer Opportunities on City Boards and Commissions

The Yakima City Council is asking volunteers interested in serving on the City of Yakima Planning Commission and the Yakima Housing Authority Board to submit applications to the City Clerk's office.

The City of Yakima Planning Commission currently has one open position and the Yakima Housing Authority Board will have an open position in the near future. It is the responsibility of the City Council to appoint people to serve on the governing bodies of those organizations.

There are seven members of the City of Yakima Planning Commission, all of whom serve sixyear terms and must live within Yakima city limits or own a business or real property within city limits. The Planning Commission meets twice monthly and works on long range planning issues within city limits.

There is no residency requirement for service on the Housing Authority Board, but neither employees nor elected officials from the City of Yakima or Yakima County are eligible to apply. The board has five members who serve five-year terms.

The Housing Authority Board is responsible for developing and operating programs to provide housing for low-income people in the city. The board holds a regular monthly meeting, but may also conduct additional meetings as needed.

Anyone interested in applying for current openings can download an application from the City of Yakima website - <u>http://www.yakimawa.gov/council/assets/BoardsCommissionsApplication.pdf</u> - or can pick up an application at the City Clerk's office at Yakima City Hall.

For more information about current or future openings on City of Yakima boards, committees, or commissions, contact City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee by phone (575-6037) or by e-mail (<u>sonya.claartee@yakimawa.gov</u>).

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