

Subject: City Council Remote Meetings

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City Council to Resume Remote Meetings

Yakima City Council meetings are returning to a remote, Zoom format due to a surge in COVID-19 cases in Yakima County. Community members are able to watch the meetings live on Y-PAC, Charter Spectrum Channel 194, via Zoom, and by livestream on the City website.

"The City is adapting to the COVID-19 emergency as it evolves," said City Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler. "The return to Zoom meetings is a reasonable next step in the City's ongoing efforts to continue to provide vital services to the community while helping contain the spread of COVID-19."

The public is welcome to provide remote public comment.

Click Public Comment | City Council (yakimawa.gov) to find information and requirements for signing up to provide public comment. The link includes a Public Comment Request Form.

Regular City Council meeting agendas are typically available the Friday afternoon prior to the Tuesday meeting. Meeting agendas are posted online at Agendas and Minutes | City Council (yakimawa.gov)

Other options to provide public comment to the City Council include:

- Email the Council (preferred) at ccouncil2@yakimawa.gov
- Send comments by postal mail to Yakima City Council
 129 N. 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901
- Call 509-575-6050 (during business hours)

Yakima City Council meetings were held via telephone and Zoom after the state instituted safety protocols in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yakima City Hall re-opened to the public in June 2021 when COVID-19 cases declined in Yakima County and around the state.

Yakima City Hall, and all City facilities, currently remain open to the public. Due to a statewide mandate, City of Yakima employees and visitors must wear masks inside City facilities regardless of vaccination status.

Click <u>YakimaVaccines.org</u> for COVID-19 vaccination sites and <u>YakimaTesting.org</u> for testing sites in Yakima County.