



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: Applicants Sought for Board, Committee and Commission Openings**

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## **Volunteer Opportunities on City Boards, Committees and Commissions**

The Yakima City Council seeks volunteers interested in serving on City boards, committees, and commissions:

- **Board of Appeals** currently has two available openings and two upcoming term expirations.
- **Community Integration Committee** has four openings (including two youth openings) and two upcoming term expirations.
- **Henry Beauchamp Advisory Committee** has one vacancy and two upcoming term expirations.
- **Tree City USA Board** has two upcoming term expirations.
- **Parks and Recreation** has two openings (including one youth opening) in addition to one upcoming youth opening.
- **Planning Commission** has one upcoming opening and two term expirations.

It is the responsibility of the City Council to appoint people to serve on the governing bodies of those organizations.

Anyone interested in applying for openings can download an application from the City of Yakima website - <https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/assets/Application-form-for-City-of-Yakima-Boards-and-Commissions.pdf>

Contact City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee by phone, 509-575-6037, or e-mail, [sonya.claartee@yakimawa.gov](mailto:sonya.claartee@yakimawa.gov), for more information about current or future openings on City of Yakima boards, committees, or commissions.

More about the volunteer opportunities:

- The **Board of Appeals** has seven members who serve 3-year terms. The board currently requires a mechanical contractor or developer to fill one vacancy and a building industry individual to fill the other.
- Positions on the **Community Integration Committee** serve 4-year terms while youth positions serve 2-year terms. Youth applicants must live within Yakima city limits and be between the ages of 16-22 at the time of appointment. Appointments shall be made to ensure that varied community perspectives are represented to the extent possible.
- There are seven members of the **Henry Beauchamp Community Center Advisory Board**, all of whom serve 4-year terms and must live within Yakima city limits. This board holds quarterly meetings. It makes recommendations to the center operator and the City regarding management policies, operations, maintenance and capital improvement needs.
- Members of the **Parks and Recreation Commission** must live within Yakima city limits and youth members must be between 16-22 years of age at the time of appointment in order to be eligible to serve a 2-year term. Currently, there are two vacancies and one youth vacancy.
- There are seven members of the **Planning Commission**, all of whom serve 4-year 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.
- The **Tree City USA Board** has five members and two terms are expiring. People with experience related to trees and other plantings, specifically with training as arborists, are encouraged to apply.

Additional information on the duties and responsibilities of each committee can be found at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/boards-commissions/>.