

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-014

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4.04 OF THE KITTITAS COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, Kittitas County, through the Kittitas County Public Health Department (“KCPHD”), is charged with the preservation, promotion, and improvement of health in the county; and

WHEREAS, Kittitas County Code 4.04.010 provides that fees be charged for certain public health services offered by the KCPHD; and

WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Board of Health has established a fee schedule and policy which allows the KCPHD to hold the issuance of a permit in the event of an unpaid permit fee until the payment is made or recovered through a collections agency; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding of public health programs is crucial to the effectiveness of the KCPHD in protecting the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing came on regularly before the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners on November 25, 2014, and the public was provided due notice and opportunity to comment on the proposed ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners believes that adopting this ordinance would be in the best interest of Kittitas County and is necessary to provide effective public health services in Kittitas County; and

WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners authorizes this ordinance by action taken at a regular meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 4.04 of the Kittitas County Code is amended with the below section added and all other language of Chapter 4.04 of the Kittitas County Code remaining in full force and effect, as follows:

Section 1. Kittitas County Code Section 4.04.020 is added as follows:

4.04.020 Nonpayment of Fees.

The health officer may deny an application for a license or permit if the applicant has any outstanding monies owed to the Kittitas County Department of Public Health for permit fees, re-inspection fees, late fees, checks returned by the bank, civil penalties, or other applicable fees.

Section 2: Effective date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Section 3. Severability

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

ADOPTED this 25th day of November, 2014.



Julie A. Kjorsvik
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Absent
Paul Jewell, Chairman

Gary Berndt
Gary Berndt, Vice-Chairman

Obie O'Brien
Obie O'Brien, Commissioner