

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.48 AND SECTION 2.50.060 OF THE THURSTON COUNTY CODE TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF THE FAIR BOARD AND FAIR AND EVENT CENTER FEES, AND FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THEREO.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Thurston County Washington (Board) pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120, has the care of county property, the management of county funds and business, and may make appropriate ordinances for police and sanitary regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board has authority to organize and conduct county agricultural fairs pursuant to Chapter 36.37 RCW

WHEREAS, because of the expansion of the Board from three members to five members in November 2023, the Board must revise the existing County Ordinance in Chapter 2.48 TCC Fair Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board established the Thurston County Fair Board with Resolution No. 2359 in 1958, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board established rules and regulations for the Thurston County Fairgrounds and Event Center in 1999 with the adoption of Ordinance No. 11755, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board restructured the Fair Board and fairgrounds fees in 2014 with the adoption of Ordinance No. 15044; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County Code Section 2.48.030, Fair Board terms are to expire on August 31st and start on September 1st; and

WHEREAS, over time Fair Board members have been appointed terms and expiration dates inconsistent with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, because of the above reason and the expansion of the Board from three to five members, the Board finds it is necessary to reorganize the Thurston County Fair Board to have a fair and impartial representation of the entire county on the Fair Board and correct term expiration dates; and

WHEREAS, current booth rental fees during the fair event were last updated in 1998 with the adoption of Ordinance 11755; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to update Thurston County Code Section 2.50.060 to allow for more timely updates on rates and charges for the Thurston County Fairgrounds and Event Center; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes the amendments are necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare of Thurston County Residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THURSTON COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER 2.48 and Section 2.50.060 AMENDED. Chapter 2.48 and Section 2.50.060 of the Thurston County Code are hereby amended as shown in Attachment A.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP REORGAINIZED. The fair board is hereby re-organized as shown in Attachment B. Following the expiration of a term, fair board members shall be appointed in a manner consistent with Thurston County Code Chapter 2.48.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person is, for any reason, declared invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional in whole or in part by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction, said decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. CORRECTIONS. Upon approval of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Clerk of the Board is authorized to make any necessary corrections to any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Ordinance for scrivener or clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect *immediately after adoption*.

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Thurston County, Washington

Clerk of the Board

Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JON TUNHEIM

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Vice-Chair

Commissioner

 4/11/24

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Travis Burns

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attachment A
Chapter 2.48 Fair Board
Section 2.50.060

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I. Chapter 2.48 of the Thurston County Code shall be amended as follows:

Chapter 2.48 FAIR BOARD

2.48.010 Established.

There is established in Thurston County an organization known as the "Thurston County fair board." The members of the board shall be appointed by the Thurston County board of commissioners to serve at the pleasure of the commissioners without compensation.

2.48.020 Number of members.

The Thurston County fair board shall consist of sixteen members, two from each one of the ~~five~~three Thurston County commissioner districts, who are ~~residents and~~ representatives of each commissioner district and six members at-large. The ~~ten~~six district members shall be appointed to positions denominated 1 to ~~10~~6. Positions 1 and 2 shall represent District 1, positions 3 and 4 shall represent District 2, and positions 5 and 6 shall represent District 3, positions 7 and 8 shall represent District 4, positions 9 and 10 shall represent District 5. One representative of each commissioner district shall be a resident. The ~~six~~ten other members, positions ~~11~~7 to 16, shall be appointed as members-at-large, who are residents and representatives of Thurston County. An additional three youth positions may be filled by one each representing 4-H Club(s), FFA, and Open Class Youth. The Board may appoint ex-officio members to assist the fair board, who shall be non-voting members.

2.48.030 Term of office.

The terms for all members of the Thurston County fair board shall begin the first day of September and shall terminate on the last day of August unless a successor has not been appointed, in which case the members shall continue in office until a successor is appointed for the balance of the next succeeding term.

- A. At-Large Members. The ~~six~~five at-large members in positions ~~7 to 11~~ to 16 shall be appointed to serve for four year terms. ~~The five at-large members in positions 12 to 16 shall be appointed to serve two year terms.~~
- B. ~~Ten~~Six District Members. The ~~ten~~six district members shall be appointed to serve for four-year terms.
- C. Ex-Officio Members. Ex-officio members shall serve one year terms, unless appointed to a longer term by the Board of County Commissioners.

€D. Youth Members. Youth members shall serve one year terms.

2.48.040 Vacancies.

All vacancies of the Thurston County fair board shall be filled by appointment by the board of county commissioners. All appointments made to fill vacancies for an unexpired term of office shall be made for only the remaining length of the unexpired term.

2.48.050 Duties.

The Thurston County fair board shall perform the following duties:

- A. Coordinate and promote the annual event known as the Thurston County Fair (hereinafter fair), and any other event approved by the board of county commissioners;
- B. Develop guidelines for the conduct of the fair and submit those guidelines to the board of county commissioners for approval as needed;
- C. Advise the county manager or designee on matters relating to the production of the annual fair;
- D. Assist the various fair constituencies to ensure quality exhibits and programs, and to encourage citizen participation and volunteerism in both the preparation and operation of the fair;
- E. Be available to serve as lead person for assigned areas of responsibility during the fair and advise the county manager or designee regarding operational issues during the fair;
- F. Volunteer to assist in facilities projects and program implementation as appropriate;
- G. Engage in long-range planning for fair programs and facilities;
- H. Provide recommendations on the proposed annual operating budget;
- I. Any other duties as assigned by the board of county commissioners.

2.48.060 To whom responsible.

Members of the Thurston County fair board shall be responsible only to the board of county commissioners.

2.48.070 Officers.

The Thurston County fair board shall elect the following officers from its membership: president, vice-president, secretary, and sergeant at arms.

2.48.075 Meetings.

- A. The Thurston County fair board shall meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M., except in the month of December when there is no meeting.

- B. Any meeting of the Thurston County fair board shall be subject to the Open Public Meetings Act.

2.48.080 Fair management.

- A. Fair management shall be conducted by staff designated by the board of county commissioners. These individuals may serve in temporary or permanent roles and may come from a variety of county departments. These individuals will report to the county manager or designee.
- B. The fair management team shall:
1. Manage, with the advice of the Thurston County fair board, the preparation, promotion and operation of fair and such other events as designated by the board of county commissioners;
 2. With oversight from the county budget and finance manager, prepare and administer the annual budget and be responsible for all funds and financial transactions of the fair department;
 3. Develop and administer a program of off-season use of the Thurston County Fairgrounds and facilities;
 4. As needed, coordinate fair staff with other county departments for the maintenance of fair facilities and the preparation of the facilities for the annual Thurston County fair and other such events as designated by the board of county commissioners;
 5. Hire and supervise permanent and seasonal fair department employees;
 6. Promote and coordinate volunteer programs associated with the operation of the fair department;
 7. Perform duties as assigned by the county manager or designee.

II. Section 2.50.060 shall be amended as follows:

2.50.060 - ~~Booth space~~ Fairground Fees.

Space shall be rented to any person, group, corporation, organization, associations or otherwise on a first come, first served basis.

Those who have rented booth space during the Thurston County fair event shall comply with the fairground guidelines as set forth by the Thurston County fair board. Those renting facilities other than during the fair event shall comply with fairground guidelines as set forth by the county manager or designee.

The county manager or designee is authorized to:

- A. Specify the place where ~~the booths during the fair event may~~ be located on the Thurston County Fairgrounds, and the time frame in which the booth must be staffed; and

- B. Negotiate the place and manner of facility rentals and rental rates for facility use during special events; and
- C. Establish the amount of rental fees for a fee schedule for booth space based on an established cost of service, which is adopted by reference and incorporated in this section. ~~rate structure as identified in Exhibit A.~~

~~Exhibit A~~

~~Thurston County Booth Rental Fees~~

~~Standard outside booth \$250.00~~

~~Standard inside booth 250.00~~

~~Food booth 300.00 (minimum 18% of gross sales)~~

Attachment B 2024 Fair Board Reappointment and Reapportionment

POSITION		4-Term/ Exp	Old Term Exp.	NAME
1-	DISTRICT #1	8/31/2027	8/31/2027	Kathie McWaid
2-	AT-LARGE #1	8/31/2026	3/30/2026	Paul Longwell (President)
3-	DISTRICT #2	8/31/2026	8/31/2026	Heidi Thomsen (Secretary)
4-	AT-LARGE #2	8/31/2025	11/20/2025	Kya Ramirez (Vice President)
5-	DISTRICT #3	VACANT- 8/31/2025		
6-	AT-LARGER #3	VACANT- 8/31/2025		
7-	DISTRICT #4	8/31/2025	10/11/2024	Larry Mahan
8-	AT-LARGE #4	8/31/2027	9/17/2027	Lance McElroy
9-	DISTRICT #5	8/31/2026	8/31/2026	Don Wadsen
10-	AT-LARGE #5	8/31/2027	8/31/2026	Theresa Reid (Sgt of Arms)
11-	AT-LARGE (#5)	8/31/2028	4/5/2024	Larry Stamp
12-	AT-LARGE (#4)	8/31/2027	9/17/2027	Oscar Hernandez
13-	AT-LARGE (#1)	8/31/2026	8/31/2626	Mike Rendon
14-	AT-LARGE (#2)	8/31/2028	9/17/2027	Linsey Lyons
15-	AT-LARGE (#2)	8/31/2028	9/17/2027	Justin Wikoff
16-	AT-LARGE (#1)	8/31/2028	9/17/2027	Mikhail Cherniske
1-year Ex-efficio		8/31/2027		Michael Carney
1 Year Term				
YOUTH AT- LARGE		VACANT- 8/31/2025		
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