

AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION April 16, 2025

Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Zoom



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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA
Council Conference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
5:15 PM - Regular Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members**
- 2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. New Business**
- 5. Unfinished Business**
 - 5.A Future Role of the Environmental Commission
 - 5.B Recycling Event
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Bicycle Advisory**
 - 7.A Bike Month Plans
- 8. Staff Update/Discussion Items**
- 9. Adjournment**



For more information on the Environmental Commission, contact Kathy Boots at 509-962-7231.

Environmental Commission						
ECC Code	Membership		Role		Department	
	Current	Future State	Current	Future State	Current	Future
1.60	Seven (7) members - Not less than four city residents; no more than two of noncity/UGA residence - Two members may be under 18 years of age - President of EHS environmental club (ex officio)	Seven (7) members <u>One City Council member.</u> - Not less than four city residents; no more than two <u>one</u> of noncity/UGA residence - Two members may be under 18 years of age - President of EHS environmental club (ex officio)	Purpose: the environmental commission is to advise the council on all matters within the commission's powers, as specified herein, with the mission of maintaining and enhancing the uniquely livable and sustainable environment now and in the future enjoyed by the residents and visitors of the city of Ellensburg. A. Serve in an advisory capacity to the city council, and accept referrals from the city council for study or such action as is directed by the city council; B. Consider projects and programs beneficial to the environment of the community; C. Propose programs for consideration by the city council, and when authorized by the council, carry out these projects and programs; D. Notify appropriate city departments in advance of meetings at which subjects	Purpose: the environmental commission is to advise the council on all matters within the commission's powers, as specified herein, with the mission of maintaining and enhancing the uniquely livable and sustainable environment now and in the future enjoyed by the residents and visitors of the city of Ellensburg. A. Serve in an advisory capacity to the city council, and accept referrals from the city council for study or such action as is directed by the city council, <u>especially concerning designated sustainability elements such as water resources, land use, waste reduction, urban forestry</u>; B. Consider <u>policies, projects, plans,</u> and programs beneficial to the environment of the community; C. Propose programs for consideration by the city council, and when authorized by the council, carry out these projects and programs; D. Notify appropriate city departments in advance of	CDD; Various	PW

			will be discussed which may be of particular interest to that department, and provide information to staff outlining support of, or opposition to, subjects undergoing environmental review; E. Administer the water quality grant program in accordance with procedures authorized and approved by the city council; F. Advise the city council on matters to promote bicycle use within Ellensburg	meetings at which subjects will be discussed which may be of particular interest to that department, and provide information to staff outlining support of, or opposition to, subjects undergoing environmental review; E. Administer the water quality grant program in accordance with procedures authorized and approved by the city council; Advise the city council on matters to promote bicycle use within Ellensburg <u>[Add definition of Sustainability Plan]</u>		
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Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC) – <i>Proposed Name Change: Transportation System Advisory Committee (TSAC)</i>						
ECC Code	Membership		Role		Department	
	Current	Future State	Current	Future State	Current	Future
1.84	Seven (7) members A. One city council member. B. Central Washington University representative	Seven (7) members A. One city council member. B. Central Washington University representative	Purpose: oversee public transit services in the city, including the quality of services, providing direction for public information and education, developing and making recommendations on system improvements and funding, and	<u>Rename: Transportation System Advisory Committee (TSAC)</u> Purpose: oversee public transit <u>and transportation system</u> services in the city, including the quality of services, providing direction for public information and education, developing and making	Transit	PW/Transit

	serving the general interests of CWU and designated by administration C. Associated Students of Central Washington University (ASCWU) student government representative (one year term, min.). D. Four community members.	serving the general interests of CWU and designated by administration. <u>C.</u> Associated Students of Central Washington University (ASCWU) student government representative (one year term, min.). <u>E.</u> <u>Ellensburg School District (ESD) representative serving the general transportation interests of ESD and designated by administration</u> <u>D.</u> <u>D.E.</u> <u>Four</u> <u>Three (3)</u>	reporting to council on those and other elements as directed. A. To advise the city council on matters pertaining to the maintenance and operation of public transit within the city. B. To develop and implement a community outreach program to educate the public concerning access to public transit and identify unmet public transit needs. C. To provide advice and recommendations to the city's transit provider, city council, and city staff concerning quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the city's public transit system. D. To report, at least annually, on the above to city council and on other such matters as they pertain to the city's public transit system, or on other such matters as directed by city council, which shall be included as council agenda items.	recommendations on system improvements and funding, and reporting to council on those and other elements as directed. A. To advise the city council on matters pertaining to the <u>infrastructure planning, maintenance and operation, and improvements to of public transit and complete street transportation system</u> within the city. <u>B.</u> To develop and implement a community outreach program to educate the public concerning access to public transit and <u>transportation and to</u> identify unmet public transit needs. <u>B.</u> C. To provide advice and recommendations to the city's transit provider, city council, and city staff concerning quality, effectiveness, and efficiency, and <u>safety</u> of the city's public transit <u>transportation</u> system. <u>D.</u> To report, at least annually, on the above to city council and on other such matters as they pertain to the city's public transit <u>and transportation</u> system, or on other		
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		community members.		such other matters as directed by city council, which shall be included as council agenda items. <u>D.E. Advise the city council on matters to promote bicycle use within Ellensburg.</u> <u>[add definition of Complete Streets]</u>		
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Utility Advisory Committee (UAC)						
ECC Code	Membership		Role		Department	
	Current	Future State	Current	Future State	Current	Future
1.50	Seven (7) members. - Two city council members and one representative from Central Washington University shall be members of the committee. - Two members shall be customers of one or more of the city utility systems. - Two additional members, who shall vote only on issues	Seven (7) members. - Two city council members. - One representative from Central Washington University <u>designated by administration.</u> Two <u>Four</u> members shall be customers of one or more of the city utility systems <u>(natural gas, light, and/or telecommunications).</u>	Purpose: providing a mechanism for the city council of Ellensburg to obtain the benefits of recommendations, advice, and opinions on those matters affecting city utility policy and operations from a committee which may devote the resources necessary for careful consideration of such matters and which will increase citizen participation and input to local government. A. To give advisory recommendations to the	Purpose: providing a mechanism for the city council of Ellensburg to obtain the benefits of recommendations, advice, and opinions on those matters affecting city <u>energy and telecom</u> utility policy and operations from a committee which may devote the resources necessary for careful consideration of such matters and which will increase <u>citizen-customer</u> participation and input to local government. A. To give advisory recommendations to the	Public Works and Utilities/Energy Services	Energy Services

	concerning the telecommunications utility as set forth in Chapter 9.110 ECC, will include one representative from KITTCOM and one representative of the customers of the city's telecommunications utility.	Two additional members, who shall vote only on issues concerning the telecommunications utility as set forth in Chapter 9.110 ECC, will include one representative from KITTCOM and one representative of the customers of the city's telecommunications utility.	city council on matters relating to city utility policy and operations and all other matters as the city council may deem appropriate. B. To adopt bylaws, rules and regulations consistent with the laws of the state of Washington for conducting the meetings of the utility advisory committee.	city council on matters relating to city utility policy, infrastructure, planning, and operations and all other matters as the city council may deem appropriate. B. To adopt bylaws, rules and regulations consistent with the laws of the state of Washington for conducting the meetings of the utility advisory committee.		
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ELLENSBURG RECYCLING EVENT

FREE COLLECTION DAY

April 26, 2025 | 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

Parking lot at SE corner of 2nd Ave. & Pine St.
(south of Hal Holmes Community Center)

**Bring your recyclables and learn about curbside service
and local recycling drop-off locations!**

Event Collection Items:

- Bicycles, in any condition. Your donation will be refurbished and given away at community events.
- Bicycle tubes.
- Single-stream recyclables: plastic bottles/jugs, cardboard, paper, and food/beverage cans.

Local Recycling Information:

- Curbside Recycling – Single-Stream Do's and Don'ts
- Community Recycling Resources – Beyond Curbside
- Air Quality Grant – Share Your Project Ideas
- Ellensburg Glass Recycling Coop – New Sand (glass cannot be accepted at event)



KITTITAS COUNTY RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

**Ellensburg & Cle
Elum Transfer
stations accept the
following items:**

- ALUMINUM CANS
- CARDBOARD
- MAGAZINES
- NEWSPAPER
- PLASTIC MILK JUGS
- PLASTIC POP/WATER BOTTLES
- TIN/STEEL CANS

RECYCLING 101

MAKE SURE YOUR ITEMS ARE

EMPTY CLEAN DRY

ONLY DISPOSE OF QUALITY ITEMS **ACCEPTED**
BY THE PROGRAM

- Remove labels & lids from cans & bottles
- **No plastic bags or transport containers allowed in bins-** these items are contaminants, making the entire load garbage!



NO COST TO YOU DROP BOXES
LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING:



CLE ELUM TRANSFER STATION

50 #5 MINE ROAD, CLE
ELUM, 98922
HOURS: TUES-SAT
8AM-1PM
1:30-4PM
(509)674-5890

ELLENSBURG TRANSFER STATION

1001 INDUSTRIAL WAY,
ELLENSBURG, 98926
HOURS: MON-SAT
8AM-4PM
(509)962-7072

WHEN IN DOUBT FIND OUT!

Putting prohibited items in your recycling bin
compromises the value of other recyclables, adds
costs & can put workers at risk.

Contact us at **509-962-7542**
or
[https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/solid-
waste/default.aspx](https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/solid-waste/default.aspx)

RECYCLING IN KITTITAS COUNTY

[Find out what you can do to help
make a difference in our environment
everyday!]



KITTITAS COUNTY SOLID WASTE PROGRAMS

925 Industrial Way, Ellensburg, WA 98926

509-962-7542

[https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/solid-
waste/default.aspx](https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/solid-waste/default.aspx)



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THRIFT SHOPS:

Attic Treasures Thrift Store

(509) 674-1400

202 W 1st Street, Cle Elum

-Clothing, most household items

Goodwill Industries - (509) 925-4704

400 W Washington Ave, Ellensburg

-Clothing, most household items

-E-cycle Drop-off location (monitors, laptops, tv's)

CURBSIDE RECYCLING:

- **Waste Management -
(509) 925-9688**

COOKING OIL:

- **KCSW Office - (509) 962-7542**

OIL/ANTIFREEZE/VEHICLE BATTERY RECYCLING:

- **KCSW Office Parking Lot - (509)
962-7542**
925 Industrial Way, Ellensburg
- **Cle Elum Transfer Station - (509)
674-5890**
50 No. 5 Mine Rd, Cle Elum

WHERE DO OUR RECYCLABLES GO?

All of the recyclables put into your curbside bin & transfer station drop boxes are taken to the Spokane Materials & Recycling Technology (SMaRT) Center.



ENVIRONMENTAL & RECYCLE GUIDE

Habitat for Humanity - (509) 962-5058

212 Railroad, Ellensburg

-Furniture, Working Appliances, Housewares,
& Building Materials

Kittitas County Solid Waste Office (509) 962-7542

925 Industrial Way, Ellensburg

-CFL tubes & bulbs, household batteries &
cell phones
-Household hazardous items by appointment
- please call Main Office

FLUORESCENT LIGHTS:

LightRecycle Washington

Kittitas County Solid Waste

(509) 925-7542

925 Industrial Way, Ellensburg

Cle Elum Transfer Station

(509) 674-5890

50 Number 5 Mine Road, Cle Elum

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING LOCATIONS:

Ellensburg:

- **Kittitas County, Solid Waste Office**
- 925 Industrial Way
- **Jerrold's**
- 111 E University Way
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Jerrold's does not accept Lead **Acid** Batteries
Cle Elum:

- **Cle Elum Transfer Station**
- 50 No.5 Mine Rd

Lead Acid (Pb) batteries from cars, tractors, four wheelers, and motorbikes. Lead Acid batteries can be recycled at the Cle Elum Transfer Station and by the Kittitas County Solid Waste Office. Please place batteries on pallet outside by the used oil tanks.

Kittitas County Solid Waste DOES NOT ACCEPT E-VEHICLE BATTERIES. For proper disposal please contact the vehicle manufacturer.