



Zoning Code Update

West Richland Municipal Code Title 17

The City is pleased to announce the adoption of an amendment to West Richland Municipal Code Title 17 Zoning. The process was started in 2017 and after years of outreach, meetings, and discussion, the amendment was adopted in late July. There are many updates that improve options for homeowners within the City. Changes were made to all zoning districts; check the adopted code in Ordinance 21-20, available on the City’s website, or speak to a planner about how these changes affect your project proposal.

Among the many changes, notable changes include:

-Building:

- Increased the allowable size for accessory buildings (ex. shops)
- Changed how height is measured and changed the maximum height for each zone
- Added requirements for the use, storage, and long-term occupancy of RV’s

-General Requirements for residential lots

- Various sections added or amended to regulate such things as garage sales, stables, animal keeping, and private energy systems

-General requirements for commercial and industrial lots

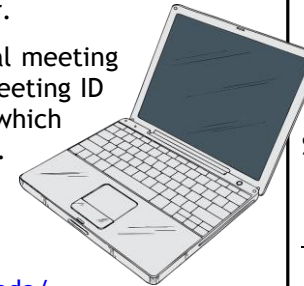
- Updated off-street parking requirements
- Updated landscaping, lighting, and screening requirements

Virtual City Meetings

How do I attend?

Beginning in March of 2020, the City of West Richland implemented a virtual meeting policy in response to the Governor’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” Order. The City will continue to hold its board, commission and council meetings virtually until Benton County enters Phase 3 of the “Safe Start, Stay Healthy” order.

The City utilizes Zoom for its virtual meeting platform. This program creates a meeting ID for its attendees to use to identify which virtual meeting they will attend. The City posts this link on the agenda page on the City website.



For City Council meetings:

<https://www.westrichland.org/agenda/>

For the Planning Commission:

<https://www.westrichland.org/planning-commission-agenda/>

To join a Zoom meeting, either click on the link posted on the City’s page or go to www.zoom.us, click on the “join a meeting” link and enter the meeting ID from the City’s website. This may prompt you to install the Zoom app onto your device if it’s not already installed. You can select this option or choose to run the meeting from your browser. Please be sure to enter your name as you wish it to appear on the screen.

To join the meeting by phone only, dial the number listed on the City’s webpage listed above. Enter the meeting ID and follow the instructions on the screen.

Meetings

Sept. 1	City Council meeting 3100 Belmont - 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 10	Planning Commission meeting 3100 Belmont - 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	City Council meeting 3100 Belmont - 6:00 p.m.

Certificate of Municipal Leadership

Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink and Councilmember David Fetto for earning their Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities earlier this year. This program recognizes elected officials for accomplishing training in four core areas and provides them with the knowledge they need to effectively operate within the law, plan for the future, secure and manage funds, and foster community and staff relationships.

New Building Permit Processing Software

Big changes are happening in the Community Development Department here at the City of West Richland. During the month of August, the City staff worked with their software vendor to implement a new, more efficient program to review and issue building and land use permits. This fall, the City will roll out a new Customer Service Center on the City's website that will allow applicants to submit applications digitally, and will allow better access to project status updates.

West Richland Community Care Fund



The purpose of the West Richland Community Care Foundation is to improve the quality of life for the residents of West Richland by addressing critical material or service needs identified by the West Richland Police Department through its interactions with the community. The Foundation will assist those individuals who would otherwise not be able to afford the materials or services. In addition, the Foundation may provide funds for materials or services that benefit the residents of West Richland as a whole.

The West Richland Community Care Foundation depends solely on donated monies in order to accomplish their mission of providing for those in immediate need of assistance. If you are interested in making a donation to this worthy cause please contact the West Richland Community Care Foundation via e-mail at contact@wrccf.org or drop off at the West Richland Police Department. More information is available on their website <https://wrccf.org>. The West Richland Community Care Foundation is a 501(c) (3) organization and a receipt for each donation will be provided.

Attention Rooster Owners!

Roosters are no longer allowed within West Richland city limits. This change was part of the Title 17 Municipal Code update passed on July 21, 2020 (mentioned to the left) and can be found in section 17.54.030 "Animal Raising and Keeping" of the WRMC. Code Enforcement will be working with residents to adjust to these new regulations. If you have any questions, please contact West Richland Animal Control at 509-967-7112. Thank you.



Did you know?
The Census Bureau
estimates about
1 million children
aged 0-4 were
not counted in the
2010 Census.

Source: Investigating the 2010 Undercount of Young Children - Analysis of Census Coverage Measurement Results.

If you have children in your home, make sure they are counted!

- Count children in the home where they live and sleep most of the time, even if their parents don't live there.
- If a child's time is divided between more than one home, count them where they stay most often. If their time is evenly divided, or you don't know where they stayed on April 1, 2020.
- If a child's family (or guardian) moved during March or April 2020, count them at the address where they were living as of April 1, 2020.
- Count children in your home if they don't have a permanent place to live and are staying in your home as of April 1, 2020, even if they are only staying with you temporarily.
- Don't forget to count newborn babies if they were born by April 1, 2020, even if they were still in the hospital.