

*BYLAWS OF
SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF HEALTH*

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health, hereafter referred to as "Board" or "Board of Health".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health is (1) to serve as the governing body of the District; (2) to unite the municipalities and the county in a cooperative effort to supervise all matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the citizens within its jurisdiction; (3) to comply fully with the requirements of all applicable chapters of Title 70, Revised Code of Washington; (4) to create and promote prudent public health policy within the District; and (5) to make possible and invite the active participation of all professions, persons and organizations interested in public health.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

(RCW 70.46.031 and County Resolution Nos. 96-0825, 03-0687, and 03-0737)

1. In accordance with Chapter 70.46, Revised Code of Washington, and Spokane County Resolution Nos. 96-0825, 03-0687, 03-0737, and 6-0360 the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health shall consist of the following twelve (12) members: three (3) Spokane County Commissioners; three (3) elected officials of Spokane City; two (2) elected officials from the city of Spokane Valley; one (1) elected official acting as a representative from the remaining incorporated cities and towns in the District; and three (3) at-large citizen members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County.
2. A majority of the mayors of Airway Heights, Cheney, Deer Park, Fairfield, Latah, Liberty Lake, Medical Lake, Millwood, Rockford, Spangle, and Waverly shall annually decide which small city shall appoint an elected official to the Board.
3. The three (3) at-large citizen members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners shall be appointed for four-year, staggered terms.
4. All new appointments shall be made prior to the second Monday in January.
5. Vacancies on the Board of Health shall be filled by appointment within thirty (30) days and made in the same manner as the original appointment.

6. The term “elected officials” as used in these Bylaws shall mean the publicly elected Spokane County Commissioners, the Spokane City mayor and members of the Spokane City Council, the Spokane Valley mayor and members of the Spokane Valley City Council and publicly elected mayors and members of the legislative bodies of the remaining incorporated cities and towns.

ARTICLE IV - LEGISLATIVE POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS
(RCW 70.05)

1. The authority of the District Board of Health shall be as prescribed by the laws of the State of Washington.
2. The Board of Health shall appoint a District Health Officer whose tenure of office shall be determined by the Board, in accordance with RCW 70.05.050. The District Health Officer shall be a qualified physician trained and experienced in public health. The Board shall annually evaluate the performance of the Health Officer.
3. The salary of the Health Officer shall be fixed by the Board.
4. The Board shall approve of the appointment of an Administrator. The salary of the Administrator shall be approved by the Board.
5. The Board of Health will review and decide the necessary finances and budget to carry on public health services.
6. At least annually, the Board of Health shall review and approve a fee schedule for services provided by the District in accordance with a fee policy that is periodically reviewed and updated by the Board.
7. The Board of Health will receive reports from and through the District Health Officer on the activities of the District.
8. The Board of Health will promulgate regulations for the control of communicable diseases and other public health concerns in conformity with the provisions of the laws of the State of Washington and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Health.
9. In accordance with Article VIII of these by-laws, the Board of Health will hear testimony from persons or groups appearing before it in regular meetings.
10. The Board of Health will review plans and requests for public health services from individuals and agencies, both voluntary and governmental, within the Health District.

11. The Board of Health will cooperate with and coordinate activities with others in the community and solicit their cooperation and services in carrying out sound public health programs within the jurisdiction of the District.
12. The Board shall contract with an attorney whose duties shall be to advise and assist the Board and the District in routine legal matters. The Board may contract with special counsel for specific litigation by or against the District.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

1. The presiding officer of the Board shall be a Chair, who shall serve for a term of one (1) year. The Board shall elect the Chair from those members of the Board who are elected officials by a majority vote of the Board members present at the last regular meeting of each year. No Chair shall succeed him/herself for more than two (2) full consecutive terms.

If a vacancy occurs, the Vice Chair shall become Chair of the Board.

2. The Board shall elect a Vice Chair, who shall serve for a term of one year, from those members of the Board who are elected officials. The election of the Vice Chair shall be no later than the January meeting. If a vacancy occurs, a new Vice Chair shall be elected to fill the unexpired term at the next regular or special meeting of the Board.

The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event of the Chair's absence or inability to perform. The Vice Chair shall chair the Executive Committee.

3. In accordance with Chapter 70.05.050, Revised Code of Washington, the District Health Officer shall serve as Executive Secretary to the Board.
 - a. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to (1) record minutes of all meetings of the Board; (2) maintain a book of numbered and dated motions/resolutions passed by the Board; (3) be custodian of all records, books and papers belonging to the Board; (4) carry on the usual correspondence of the Board, including such matters as notifying members of public meetings dealing with public health matters and making written recommendations thereon.
 - b. The Executive Secretary shall prepare a list of vouchers for monthly presentation to the Chair of the Board. All accounts shall be reviewed by the Board or its representative member(s).
 - c. The Executive Secretary shall be empowered to employ such technical and other personnel as approved in the budget to carry out the functions of the Health District.

ARTICLE VI - DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER
(RCW 70.05.070)

The District Health Officer shall perform such duties as are provided by law and directed by the Board. He/she shall be responsible to the Board for his/her official actions.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS AND QUORUM

1. The Board of Health shall meet monthly. The dates and times of meetings for the year shall be established at the January meeting of the Board. Scheduled meeting dates, times and places may be revised to accommodate the needs of the Board; in such instances, public notice at least ten (10) days in advance must be given.
2. Special meetings may be called by the Chair at his/her discretion, at the request of the Executive Secretary, or on the written request of a majority of the members, provided that written notice is given each member and the media at least twenty four hours prior to the proposed meeting concerning the time, place and subject, except in an emergency, as provided by RCW 42.30.080.
3. Six (6) voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the dispatch of business.
4. Approval of all actions taken by the Board shall be by a majority of the votes cast.
5. In accordance with RCW 42.30.110, the Board shall call executive sessions as necessary.

ARTICLE VIII - BUSINESS OF REGULAR MEETINGS

1. The business at all regular meetings, unless changed by a majority vote of members present, shall include: Call to Order; Roll Call; Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting; Approval of Vouchers; Chair's Report; Health Officer's Report; Citizen Input; Action Items; Discussion Items/Reports; Board Member Concerns; Set the Date and Time of the Next Board of Health Meeting; Adjourn.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

1. The Executive Committee of the Board shall consist of the Board Vice Chair and at least two (2) other members appointed by the Chair of the Board. The Vice Chair of the Board shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee. The Board Chair shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.
2. The Executive Committee shall meet prior to each Board meeting to determine the agenda, review agenda items and other issues, and decide on recommendations to the full Board.

3. Agenda items or other issues requiring action by the Board shall first be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board for consideration and recommendation, unless the Board by majority vote of those present agrees to hear an issue and make a decision without Executive Committee recommendation.
4. The Executive Committee shall serve as an advisory committee to the Health Officer and the Administrator when necessary.
5. The Chair of the Board may appoint other committees of the Board from time to time as deemed necessary. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.


ARTICLE X - RULES OF BUSINESS

Business shall be conducted in accordance with the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, so long as they are consistent with these By-laws or any amendments thereto. The Health District counsel shall serve as parliamentarian.

ARTICLE XI- AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended at a second reading during any regular or special meeting of the Board by a majority vote of members present, provided that the amendment has passed a first reading after being presented in writing to members of the Board of Health at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which the first reading is included on the agenda. Members may waive the second reading and adopt the amendment at the first reading by two thirds majority vote of the members present.

ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 2006.



Chair of Board of Health