

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The City of Kelso is now accepting applications from Kelso residents that reside within the city limits of Kelso to fill a vacancy on the city council.

The term of the vacated position will commence once a candidate is appointed by a majority vote of the city council.

The City of Kelso operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The seven-member city council serves as the legislative body of the city. The council is responsible for setting policy, adopting the annual budget, adopting laws, determining the services the city provides and the funding levels for those services, and confirming the appointments of citizens to its advisory boards, commissions, and committees.

The duties of a city councilmember will likely involve an average minimum commitment of 20-30 hours per month for preparation, participation, and attendance at various meetings and community activities.

The stipend for a councilmember in this position is \$500.00 per month.

The timeline for filling the vacancy is as follows:

December 8, 2020: *Applications due* to city staff not later than 5:00 pm

January 5, 2021: *Special Meeting at 4:30 pm* to conduct candidate interviews followed by executive session, council vote, and swearing in of new councilmember.

Notice: The term of this appointment is anticipated to run January 5, 2021, thru December 7, 2021. The term for this Council position starting December 7, 2021 thru December 31, 2023, will be determined via election November of 2021. Candidates interested in running for this office should check with the Cowlitz County Elections Office for the special filing dates. Their phone number is (360) 577-3005.

Residents interested in applying for the council vacancy must reside in the City of Kelso, have been a resident of the City of Kelso for at least one year prior to appointment, and must be registered to vote. Interested residents may obtain application forms at City Hall (due to COVID via the finance Department drive-thru), located at 201 S. Pacific Ave, Kelso. Applications are also available for download on the City of Kelso website at www.kelso.gov

Applications received after 5:00 pm December 8, 2020, will not be accepted.

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