

# Cities and Towns

## Types of City Government

There are three principal forms of city government in Washington: mayor-council, council-manager, and commission. Few cities in Washington, and none in Thurston County, presently operate under the commission form. Under both the mayor-council and council-manager forms of government the council is the city's legislative and policy-making body. All council members are elected.

The council enacts all ordinances, resolutions, and policies consistent with state law, for the safety and welfare of the city's or town's residents. Ordinances may include local tax measures authorized by statute. Traffic, fire protection, police, land use, municipal services, business, and other regulations are overseen by the council. The council controls the city's finances through the budgeting and auditing processes and by exercising general oversight. The council also makes contracts, creates subordinate positions, prescribes duties, and fixes salaries.

The mayor's role depends upon the form of government in a particular city or town.

## Forms of Government

a.) Mayor-Council: Bucoda, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater, and Yelm

The mayor in the mayor-council form of government, who is also elected, is the city's chief executive or administrative officer and the ceremonial head of the city. The mayor carries out the council's policies, administers day-to-day city affairs, and, with some limitations, appoints, supervises, and discharges subordinate officers. The mayor presides over council meetings and has a veto power over ordinances.

b.) Council-Manager: Lacey, Olympia

In the council-manager form of government the council appoints a city manager as the chief administrative officer. The manager appoints and discharges all department heads and subordinate officers and is responsible to the council for the proper administration of all city affairs. The council may discharge the manager but may not interfere with or bypass the manager's day-to-day administration of subordinates. A council member is selected by the council, or by an alternative election method, to act as chairman with the title of "mayor". The mayor continues to be a full member of the council with all attendant rights, privileges, and immunities. The mayor also presides over council meetings and acts as the ceremonial head of the city. The mayor has no regular administrative powers but may be required to exercise certain powers in emergencies.

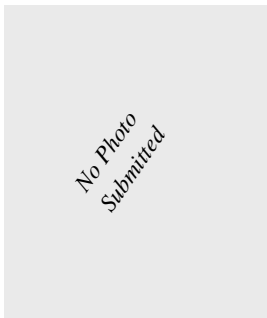
## Town of Bucoda, Council, Position No. 5



*Nonpartisan*

### Jeff Gross

I am employed currently, and for the past four years, with Tenino Public Works involving all aspects of field operations. Previously, I was project superintendent for two prominent Seattle area landscape companies involving million dollar projects. I am a Tenino High School graduate with three years secondary education in environmental horticulture. I am seeking this position to give the south end of town a voice on the council and to address concerns about the water system. I would provide a better line of communication between the citizens and City Hall and encourage the citizens to be more active in the town's decisions. I will assist in the completion of the community's projects and help the community, as a whole, to achieve their future goals.



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### Kay Hughes

No Candidate Statement Submitted

## Town of Bucoda, Council, Position No. 5 (continued)



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### Linda E. Hardy

My husband and I have lived in Bucoda for 18 years. Shortly after our move to Bucoda I held the position of Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Bucoda. While raising our family here I have been involved with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, coached soccer, and have taught Sunday school. My husband and I have enjoyed living in Bucoda. It has been a great community to raise our family. I am a public school teacher. I have a Masters Degree in Education. My goal as council member is to help the Town of Bucoda achieve its goals in order to continue to make this a community we can all be proud of. I would really love to serve the Town of Bucoda.



Nonpartisan

### E.C. Hocker

Most people in town know me as Ted. I've lived in Bucoda for a little more than 15 years. I am now retired. Before that I've owned my own businesses: a grocery store, a pizza parlor and a service station. Before owning my own businesses I worked for a mortgage company and also managed a condominium complex in California. My experiences with running the condominium complex left me with lots of experiences to offer as council person. My hope in becoming a council person is to help run our city. My goals are to keep Bucoda a small town while helping the growth that must come be managed in the most efficient way. Thank you.



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### Pat Meeks

I have lived in the Tenino-Bucoda area for close to 30 years. I really like the small town atmosphere. I'm married, have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren, my husband William is an ironworker. We were part owners in a saloon for a short time. My hobbies are my flowers, working in the yard, and walking.

I think Bucoda has a lot of potential, I've seen a lot of changes, and would like to be part of it.

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