

# 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 process 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.

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

The mayor in the mayor-council form of government is elected and 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 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 Council, Position No. 4



Aurora Lopez

My name is Aurora Lopez; I believe that the time has come for the Town of Bucoda to blossom as the wonderful rose that lies beneath. I believe that we must resort to the art of gentle persuasion and start respecting the rights of every citizen. I believe that the best government is a government that governs less. I strongly believe that the respect for others is the foundation for true peace.

I also believe that local participation in a peaceful and in a positive problem-solving manner should be available to us all and in the year 2007 we should be ready to bring true democracy to the Town of Bucoda where all people should be counted as equals.

Respectfully yours,  
Aurora Lopez

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Paul G Davis

I have been a resident of Bucoda for 27 years, my wife and I have raised our three children here. I was a member of the fire dept for 16 years, positions held were training officer, EMT, assistant chief and 5 years as chief. I feel I am qualified to serve as a council member because of my previous experience. Working with the council and mayor while on the fire dept, managing

the fire dept and also being responsible for the dept.'s budget gave me insight into the financial workings of the Town. I have owned and operated my own business for 20 years, which has given me experience managing employees, and working with the public. If elected to office, I will do my best to serve the town and its residents with integrity.

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Debby Hughes

My name is Debby Hughes. I have lived in the Town of Bucoda since 1986 and raised both of my children here. Currently I am finishing a term as an appointed council member, chosen for my prior experience as a councilor having served 4 years in the early 90's.

As a member of your Town Council I have always made my decisions based on what is best for the town, even if I personally do not agree with the situation.

Bucoda is entering into an exciting time of expansion. While we do not want to lose the small town feel that we have all grown to love, we must be ready to regulate and accept growth.

I look forward to being able to serve you my neighbors for another 4 years as a member of the Bucoda Town Council.

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