



# Agritourism Advisory Committee

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**Chair:**

**Vice-Chair:**

**Terms of Office:** 12 months from date of appointment

**Members:** Seven

**Who Appoints:** Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) shall appoint members.

**Vacancies filled by:** Board of County Commissioners

**Compensation:** None

**Meetings:** Monthly

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**I. Committee Duties:**

- a. The committee makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding agritourism in Thurston County including but not limited to the Agritourism Overlay District and the Thurston Bountiful Byway.
- b. The committee will work with the Olympia Lacey Tumwater Visitor and Convention Bureau (“OLTVCB”) to develop a Marketing Plan for the Thurston Bountiful Byway.
- c. The committee may review applications from interested businesses, nonprofit organizations, or governmental entities (businesses) for membership in the Thurston Bountiful Byway Map and Marketing Plan. The committee will recommend to the OLTVCB, by majority vote, qualifying businesses for membership in the Byway Marketing Plan based on the criteria below, and in TCC 20.08G Agritourism Overlay District:
  - i. Does the use or activity of the business promote locally grown & produced agricultural products, goods, & services; and
  - ii. Does the use or activity of the business emphasize local rural and agricultural attributes such as local specialty crops, farming and rural culture, native and natural resources, local history, local food networks



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and relationships, and other elements which highlight the importance of local agriculture; or

- iii. Does the use or activity of the business entice visitors who could see and experience the value of local agricultural lands to the culture and economy of rural Thurston County and who may purchase locally grown and produced agricultural products, goods and services. These uses are not necessarily directly related to agriculture but could help support the rural and agricultural economy by drawing visitors.
- d. The committee will provide a list of recommended and qualifying businesses to the OLTVCB.

**II. Qualifications of Board members:** Membership is open to the public. Interested parties may include agritourism business owners, economic development agencies, ecotourism agencies, farmers, tourism agencies, etc. No member of the Thurston County Board of Commissioners shall participate on this committee.

**III. Meetings Open to the Public.** All meetings of the Agritourism Advisory Committee shall be open to the public and subject to the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA). Each member of the committee shall receive OPMA training before voting on any matters before it.