

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: County Council

DATE: 7/16/24

REQUESTED ACTION:

Request Council to approve Ordinance 2024-07-01 to create a Clark County Accessible Community Advisory Committee (CCACAC).

Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

On April 16, 2024, several Clark County residents joined that day's council meeting to highlight their desire for Clark County to create an Accessible Community Advisory Committee (ACAC). RCW 36.01.310 outlines the roles and responsibility of ACACs, including advising on addressing the needs of persons with disabilities in emergency plans; advising the county and other local governments within the county on access to programs services and activities, new construction or renovation projects, sidewalks, other pedestrian routes of travel, and disability parking enforcement; and developing local initiatives and activities to promote greater awareness of disability issues, and acceptance, involvement, and access for persons with disabilities within the community. A group of committed organizing members have been working with Councilor Bowerman and Jordan Boege to draft bylaws and put together the required documentation to become a formal ACAC. Approval of Ordinance 2024-07-01 will formalize this work

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The creation of this ACAC will not change council policy directly, but the ACAC will be able to advise the County Council on topics related to disability policy and issues in the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

n/a

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On April 16, 2024, several If Council approves the creation of the Clark County Accessible Community Advisory Committee, outreach efforts will begin to solicit county residents to apply to be members utilizing the county's channels for recruiting board and commission members.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
	X	Operating Budget Impacts
	X	Capital Budget Impacts
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If

	YES, please route this Staff Report through the Budget Director and then to the County Manager.
	Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental or annual budget. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, please route this Staff Report through the Budget Director and then to the County Manager. This action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

BUDGET DETAILS

Dollar Amount	
Fund	
Cost Center	
BASUB	
Program	

 Emily M. Zwetzig, Budget Director *(if applicable)*

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APPROVED: _____
 CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
 CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL

DATE: July 16, 2024
 SR# 178-24



APPROVED: _____
 Kathleen Otto, County Manager

DATE: _____

BUDGET IMPACT ATTACHMENT

Part I: Narrative Explanation

I A – Explanation of what the request does that has fiscal impact and the assumptions for developing revenue and costing information

Part II: Estimated Revenues

Fund #/Title	2024 Annual Budget		2025 Annual Budget		2026 Annual Budget	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Total						

II. A – Describe the type of revenue (grant, fees, etc.)

Part III: Estimated Expenditures

III A – Expenditures summed up

Fund #/Title	FTE's	2024 Annual Budget		2025 Annual Budget		2026 Annual Budget	
		GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
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III. B – Expenditure by object category

Fund #/Title	2024 Annual Budget		2025 Annual Budget		2026 Annual Budget	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Salary/Benefits						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Travel						
Other controllables						
Capital Outlays						
Inter-fund Transfers						
Debt Service						
Total						

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07-01

An ORDINANCE relating to the creation of an Accessible Community Advisory Committee (ACAC) for Clark County, Washington.

1 WHEREAS, it is important for Clark County to understand the needs of our disabled residents
2 and how public services, amenities, and infrastructure can be made more accessible to all; and

3 WHEREAS, RCW 36.01.310 gives Washington counties the ability to create Accessible
4 Community Advisory Committees; and

5 WHEREAS, the Clark County Council has identified a need for a community group that can
6 advise policymakers on the needs of persons with disabilities related to emergency planning, access to
7 programs, services, and activities, and support related to developing local initiatives and activities to
8 promote greater awareness of disability issues, and acceptance, involvement, and access for persons with
9 disabilities within the community; now, therefore,

10 **BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED** by the Clark County Council of Clark County, State of
11 Washington, as follows:

12 **Section 1. New.** A new section is added to the Clark County Code to read as follows:

13 **2.31 – Accessible Community Advisory Committee**

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15 **Section 2. New.** A new section 2.31.010 is added to the Clark County Code to read as follows:

16 **2.31.010 Creation**

- 17 1. The Clark County Accessible Community Advisory committee (CCACAC) is hereby created.
- 18 a. The membership of the CCACAC consists of at least five volunteers living in
19 communities both urban and rural throughout Clark County
- 20 b. CCACAC members are persons with a diverse range of disabilities, who are
21 knowledgeable in identifying and eliminating attitudinal, programmatic, communication,
22 and physical barriers encountered by persons with disabilities and/or parents of children
23 with disabilities and/or individuals with knowledge and experience in eliminating barriers
24 encountered by persons with disabilities. The majority of members must be persons with
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Section 3. New. A new section 2.31.020 is added to the Clark County Code to read as follows:

2.31.020 Purpose

1. The purpose of the Clark County Accessible Community Advisory Committee is to:
 - a. Advising policy makers on the needs of persons with disabilities in emergency plans.
 - b. Advising the County and other local governments within the County on access to programs, services, and activities, new construction or renovation projects, sidewalks, other pedestrian routes of travel, and disability parking enforcement.
 - c. Developing local initiatives and activities to promote greater awareness of disability issues, and acceptance, involvement, and access for persons with disabilities within the community.

Section 4. New. A new section 2.31.030 is added to the Clark County Code to read as follows:

2.31.030 Duties

1. The CCACAC's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Applying for grants from the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment and other sources to fund projects that will improve awareness, acceptance, inclusion, and access for people with disabilities.
 - b. Advising Clark County policymakers on the needs of persons with disabilities in general and in emergency plans.
 - c. Advising the County and other jurisdictions within the County on access to programs, services, and activities, new construction or renovation projects, sidewalks, other pedestrian routes of travel, and disability parking enforcement.
 - d. Developing local initiatives and activities to promote greater awareness of disability issues, and acceptance, involvement and access for persons with disabilities within the community.
 - e. Passing issues related to the missions of other County committees to them, including Ending Community Homelessness (ECHO) and the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.
2. An employee of Clark County shall be appointed by the County Manager as staff liaison to the CCACAC. That individual is expected to attend all meetings of the CCACAC, as would a regular member, and to provide current information for the website.

Section 5. New. A new section 2.31.040 is added to the Clark County Code to read as follows:

2.31.040 Meetings and procedures

63 1. The CCACAC shall:

64 a. Adopt bylaws, rules of procedure, and keep a written record of its meetings, resolutions,
65 recommendations, transactions, and findings and determinations, which record shall be a
66 public record.

67 b. Elect its officers, including a chairman and vice-chairman, and such other officers as it
68 requires.

69 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective on the 10th day following adoption.

70 **Section 7. Instructions to Clerk.** The Clerk to the Council shall:

- 71 1. Record a copy of this Ordinance with the Clark County Auditor; and
- 72 2. Cause notice of adoption of this Ordinance to be published forthwith, pursuant to
- 73 Clark County Code 1.02.140
- 74 3. Provide a copy of this Ordinance to Code Publishing.

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76 ADOPTED on this 16th day of July, 2024.

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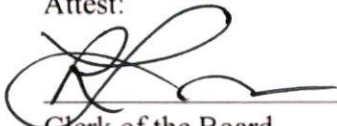
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Attest:



Clerk of the Board

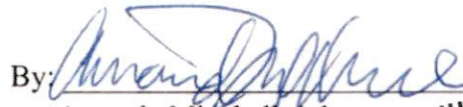
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