

The Adams County Mosquito Control District has been in operation for over 50 years and is funded through an assessment to county property tax payers. This assessment in Adams County was based on land value plus improvements and was the method used in most counties that provided mosquito control in Washington. Because most of the mosquito breeding areas in Adams County are around Othello and the irrigated farmland surrounding it, the rate has always been higher in Othello and its surrounding area. In recent years, however, the State Attorney General has mandated that mosquito control districts move away from assessments based on land value and move to flat rates based on benefits received. This is **not** a new assessment. In previous years the mosquito assessment was the line on your tax statement that said “Other-Junior,” whereas starting in 2021 it is listed as “Mosquito.”

In order to comply with the State Attorney General’s direction and in keeping with the method of assessing higher rates in areas where mosquito control is more needed, the county is broken into the following four zones for the Mosquito Control Assessment:

- a. Othello City Limits
- b. Rural Othello inside Fire District 5
- c. Incorporated Towns of Hatton, Washtucna, Lind and Ritzville
- d. Rural Outside Fire District 5

Some properties receive more benefit than another because more people reside in or visit certain types of locations. For example, an apartment complex is one property, but receives more benefit from mosquito control because there are many more people there than in a single household. To try and balance this out Adams County has adopted the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) system. In this method, different types of properties within each of the 4 zones are assessed at different rates based on the benefit they receive from mosquito control. Details of the method and the rates of the 4 zones in Adams County are listed below.

If you have further questions regarding the Mosquito Control Assessment please feel free to call or email:

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A- City of Othello

Description	DOR Code	Rate	ERU*	Per Parcel	
				Rate	
Single Family Residence	11	\$ 58.25	1	\$	58.25
Residential 2-4 Units	12	\$ 58.25	2	\$	116.50
Multi Family Residence 5 or more	13	\$ 58.25	5	\$	291.25
Residential Condominiums	14	\$ 58.25	1	\$	58.25
Mobile Home Parks	15	\$ 58.25	5	\$	291.25
Hotels/Motels	16	\$ 58.25	5	\$	291.25
Institutional Lodging	17	\$ 58.25	5	\$	291.25
Manufacturing & Commercial	21 to 39	\$ 58.25	1.9	\$	110.68
Trade - Retail, Wholesale and Other	50 to 59	\$ 58.25	1.4	\$	81.55
Services	61 to 67, 69	\$ 58.25	1.1	\$	64.08
Educational Services	68	\$ 58.25	1.1	\$	64.08
Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational	71 to 79	\$ 58.25	1.3	\$	75.73
Agricultural Use	81 to 83	\$ 58.25	1	\$	58.25
Open Open Space	94	\$ 58.25	1	\$	58.25
Other Undeveloped Land	91, 96 to 99	\$ 58.25	0.5	\$	29.13

B - Fire District 5 - Outside Othello City Limits

Description	DOR Code	Rate	ERU*	Per Parcel	
				Rate	
Single Family Residence	11	\$ 38.25	1	\$	38.25
Residential 2-4 Units	12	\$ 38.25	2	\$	76.50
Multi Family Residence 5 or more	13	\$ 38.25	5	\$	191.25
Residential Condominiums	14	\$ 38.25	1	\$	38.25
Mobile Home Parks	15	\$ 38.25	5	\$	191.25
Hotels/Motels	16	\$ 38.25	5	\$	191.25
Institutional Lodging	17	\$ 38.25	5	\$	191.25
Manufacturing & Commercial	21 to 39	\$ 38.25	1.9	\$	72.68
Trade - Retail, Wholesale and Other	50 to 59	\$ 38.25	1.4	\$	53.55
Services	61 to 67, 69	\$ 38.25	1.1	\$	42.08
Educational Services	68	\$ 38.25	1.1	\$	42.08
Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational	71 to 79	\$ 38.25	1.3	\$	49.73
Agricultural Use	81 to 83	\$ 38.25	1	\$	38.25
Open Open Space	94	\$ 38.25	1	\$	38.25
Other Undeveloped Land	91, 96 to 99	\$ 38.25	0.5	\$	19.13

C - Incorporated Towns of Hatton, Lind, Ritzville, Washtucna

Description	DOR Code	Rate	ERU*	Per Parcel	
				Rate	
Single Family Residence	11	\$ 21.25	1	\$	21.25
Residential 2-4 Units	12	\$ 21.25	2	\$	42.50
Multi Family Residence 5 or more	13	\$ 21.25	5	\$	106.25
Residential Condominiums	14	\$ 21.25	1	\$	21.25
Mobile Home Parks	15	\$ 21.25	5	\$	106.25
Hotels/Motels	16	\$ 21.25	5	\$	106.25
Institutional Lodging	17	\$ 21.25	5	\$	106.25
Manufacturing & Commercial	21 to 39	\$ 21.25	1.9	\$	40.38
Trade - Retail, Wholesale and Other	50 to 59	\$ 21.25	1.4	\$	29.75
Services	61 to 67, 69	\$ 21.25	1.1	\$	23.38
Educational Services	68	\$ 21.25	1.1	\$	23.38
Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational	71 to 79	\$ 21.25	1.3	\$	27.63
Agricultural Use	81 to 83	\$ 21.25	1	\$	21.25
Open Open Space	94	\$ 21.25	1	\$	21.25
Other Undeveloped Land	91, 96 to 99	\$ 21.25	0.5	\$	10.63

D - Rural Outside Fire District 5

Description	DOR Code	Rate	ERU*	Per Parcel	
				Rate	
Single Family Residence	11	\$ 9.25	1	\$	9.25
Residential 2-4 Units	12	\$ 9.25	2	\$	18.50
Multi Family Residence 5 or more	13	\$ 9.25	5	\$	46.25
Residential Condominiums	14	\$ 9.25	1	\$	9.25
Mobile Home Parks	15	\$ 9.25	5	\$	46.25
Hotels/Motels	16	\$ 9.25	5	\$	46.25
Institutional Lodging	17	\$ 9.25	5	\$	46.25
Manufacturing & Commercial	21 to 39	\$ 9.25	1.9	\$	17.58
Trade - Retail, Wholesale and Other	50 to 59	\$ 9.25	1.4	\$	12.95
Services	61 to 67, 69	\$ 9.25	1.1	\$	10.18
Educational Services	68	\$ 9.25	1.1	\$	10.18
Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational	71 to 79	\$ 9.25	1.3	\$	12.03
Agricultural Use	81 to 83	\$ 9.25	1	\$	9.25
Open Open Space	94	\$ 9.25	1	\$	9.25
Other Undeveloped Land	91, 96 to 99	\$ 9.25	0.5	\$	4.63

*ERU Equivalent residential units