

PROPOSED BY: PUBLIC WORKS

INTRODUCTION DATE: 10/7/2025

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**DECLARING WHATCOM COUNTY REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND APPROVING
TRANSFER**

WHEREAS, RCW 36.34.005 authorizes counties to establish comprehensive procedures for the management of county property, including the sale of surplus real estate where it is found to be in the best interest of a county to sell same; and

WHEREAS, in Whatcom County Code (WCC), Chapter 1.10, Whatcom County has established those procedures; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County owns a property located on Jenson Road and Agate Bay Lane; and

WHEREAS, there are limited records on this property but they indicate that the property has been owned by Whatcom County since the early 1900's; and

WHEREAS, the property has no utility to Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham has interest in ownership of the property to support an acquisition of adjacent property that is located in the Lake Whatcom watershed and Whatcom County has interest in transferring the property to the City of Bellingham to support their watershed acquisition; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal was completed and the property was valued at \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, WCC 1.10.340 allows for a transfer of property to a governmental agency without a public sale; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.34.130 allows for transfer of property from a County to another governmental agency by means of private negotiation upon such terms as may be agreed upon and for consideration as may be deemed to be adequate; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Property Management Committee, having met and considered Whatcom County's best interest, recommends that the County Council declare Whatcom County real property, tax parcel number 380419 006520 0000, to be surplus property and that the property be transferred to the City of Bellingham upon payment of the appraisal value of \$15,000 and all related closing costs.

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3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that it is in the best interest of the County to declare
4 Whatcom County real property, tax parcel number 380419 006520 0000, to be surplus and that the
5 property be transferred to the City of Bellingham in exchange for the payment of \$15,000 and all related
6 closing costs.

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8 APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025

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10 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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13 Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 Christopher Quinn
18 Civil Deputy Prosecutor
19 (authorized via email 8/21/2025)
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