




MEMORANDUM

TO: County Executive

FROM: Regina A. Delahunt, Director 

RE: Whatcom County and the Cities of Whatcom County – Interlocal Agreement Amendment for Administering Funds as a Result of RCW 36.22.178 and RCW 82.14.540

DATE: December 17, 2019

Enclosed are eight (8) originals of an amended Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Contractor for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This amended agreement is entered into between Whatcom County and the Cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, and Sumas. This agreement addresses the use of funds created through the surcharge for each document recorded in the Whatcom County Auditor's office and the imposition of a local sales and use tax for affordable and supportive housing.

The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate language pursuant to the recent sales tax option provided by Substitute House Bill 1406 from the 2019 state legislative session, codified in RCW 82.14.540. This option allows the county to retain an additional percentage (.0146%) of the state's portion of the local sales tax and dedicate it to local affordable and supportive housing. County Code, Chapter 3.45, establishes the fund for these tax monies as well as the county's obligations in administration of the funds.

This amendment supersedes the previous Interlocal Agreements dated January 5, 2004 and June 21, 2010 (Whatcom County contracts 200402021 and 200402021-1).

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

