



Memorandum

TO: COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: Allison Williams, Health & Community Services

DATE: 03/19/24

RE: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2020-079 TO CHANGE DUE DATE OF MARCH 30 BI-ANNUAL REPORT

In December 2020, the Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance 2020-079 establishing Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.106, which created the Child & Well Being Task Force to help support a child and well-being action plan entitled "Whatcom Working Towards Well-Being: An Action Plan for County Government." The task force developed reports on initial work and tasks accomplished in three separate phases. WCC 2.106.090 requires that, beginning in 2023, the task force began submitting bi-annual reports no later than March 30 and September 30 of each year.

The task force requests additional time to draft the March 30 report for the following reasons:

- The development of the Evaluation, Communications, and Community Engagement plans called for in the HCF Implementation Plan have been delayed by hiring difficulties and other hurdles.
- The Task Force expended considerable effort responding to a January 2024 request for feedback regarding the forthcoming revision of the Comprehensive Plan.
- The Task Force has had a significant influx of new members, appointed and designated, and would like time to better familiarize and fully engage the new members in providing input on report content.

The attached ordinance would amend WCC 2.106 to amend the due date for the report to no later than May 7, 2024. It is anticipated however that this report will be completed prior to that deadline.

Please call Allison Williams at 360-778-6145 if there are any questions. Thank you.