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PROPOSED BY: County Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-___

AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE
SECTION 6.04, ANIMAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, Section 6.04 of the Whatcom County Code provides regulations within the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County and specific controls within designated urban areas of Whatcom County to control animal conduct; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.04.060 of the Whatcom County Code does not provide legal recourse to residents that have at large domestic animals trespassing upon their property outside of dog control zones and does not provide the animal control agency the ability to impound such animals; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect residents and their property from trespassing domestic animals and to permit the animal control agency to impound said domestic animals, Section 6.04.060 needs to be amended; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide a more democratic process for animal owners to request a hearing to contest a declaration of dangerous or potentially dangerous dog, Section 6.04.100 should be repealed and Section 6.04.232 "Contested Hearing" should be added to the Whatcom County Code to reflect that these contested hearings will be heard by the District Court of Whatcom County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Section 6.04.060 of the Whatcom County Code be amended as indicated in Exhibit A to this ordinance; that Section 6.04.100 of the Whatcom County Code be repealed as indicated in Exhibit B to this ordinance; and that Section 6.04.232 be added to the Whatcom County Code as indicated in Exhibit C to this ordinance.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

ATTEST:


WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

APPROVED () DENIED ()



Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Jack Louws, County Executive