

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.66
COUNTY-OWNED VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.66 provides for and outlines the legal authorization for use of County vehicles;

WHEREAS, the County delivers a broad array of services to vulnerable populations in the community through mobile integrated health programs (GRACE, LEED, Supportive Housing, COVID response) requiring reliable and accessible motor vehicle transportation of service recipients; and

WHEREAS, the County Health Department and Emergency Medical Services maintain an ongoing need to transport community members for purposes of delivering County services; and

WHEREAS, the County is able to utilize contracted providers such as Community Paramedics, GRACE/SEAMAR employees and authorized County volunteers to provide the transportation necessary to deliver services utilizing County vehicles;

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.66 currently prohibits all non-employees from operating County vehicles; and

WHEREAS, amending Chapter 2.66 to allow for the limited authorized use of County vehicles by non-employees for County government purposes is an efficient, cost effective, and practical means for providing necessary transportation related to County services and business; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment and the corresponding County motor vehicle policy provide sufficient limitations, restrictions, and requirements to protect County interests related to non-employee drivers;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the Whatcom County Code is hereby amended as outlined in Exhibit A to this Ordinance.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Approved via Email / Christopher Quinn / LB
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

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Date Signed: _____