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Memorandum

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TO: The Honorable Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive
The Honorable Whatcom County Council

FROM: Matt Aamot, Senior Planner

THROUGH: Steve Roberge, Assistant Director

RE: Extension of 2012 Blaine and Ferndale Interlocal Agreements Relating
to Urban Growth Areas

Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Goal 2R and related policies indicate that the County should have interlocal agreements with the Cities relating to planning, annexation, and development in urban growth areas (UGAs). The County had interlocal agreements with each City that were originally approved between 1997 and 2001. When these original interlocal agreements expired, a new agreements were approved in 2012. However, the 2012 agreements have 10-year durations and are set to expire on June 30, 2022. Therefore, the County and the Cities are working together to develop new interlocal agreements.

The County is still negotiating with the cities of Blaine and Ferndale on new interlocal agreements to replace the 2012 agreements (the existing agreements are on the County [website](#)). However, it now appears that these negotiations will not be completed prior to the June 30, 2022 expiration date. Therefore, we are requesting that Council pass a motion to authorize the County Executive to sign six-month extensions to the existing 2012 interlocal agreements with Blaine and Ferndale.

Thank you for your review and consideration of the proposed extensions.