

PROPOSED BY: Donovan
INTRODUCTION DATE: 2/20/2024

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.145 TO CLARIFY MEMBER REQUIREMENTS ON THE WHATCOM COUNTY FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance 2023-057 in October 2023 to restructure the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee into the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Council intended for four of the positions on the advisory group to be held by individuals who do not live on Lummi Island; and

WHEREAS, the previous Code restricted the off-island members from owning property on the island, which was not included in the new Code language; and

WHEREAS, the language in Ordinance 2023-057 could be misinterpreted to allow appointment of only 2 members who do not live on the island; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council to amend Whatcom County Code Section 2.145.040 as shown in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

/s/ Royce Buckingham approved via email/lb

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

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Date Signed: _____

EXHIBIT A

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Sections:

- 2.145.010 Established.
- 2.145.020 Purpose.
- 2.145.030 Function.
- 2.145.040 Membership – Term of office.
- 2.145.050 Organization – Meetings.
- 2.145.055 Membership – Rules of procedure and conduct.
- 2.145.060 Committee staffing.

2.145.040 Membership – Term of office.

A. The committee shall consist of nine voting members.

1. 5 members who live on the island,
2. ~~2~~ **4** members who live in unincorporated Whatcom County **do not live or own property on Lummi Island, with priority given to one Lummi Nation representative when possible:**
 - a. 2 members who live in unincorporated Whatcom County, not including Lummi Island
 - b. 2 members who live anywhere in Whatcom County except Lummi Island
- ~~3. Two members who live anywhere on the mainland (incorporated or unincorporated);~~
 - ~~a. Priority given to one Lummi Nation representative when possible;~~
- 4 **3**. 1 County Councilmember will be an ad hoc non-voting member

B. The county council shall appoint the committee members. Member terms will be three years; provided, that the terms of members first appointed will be staggered so that three of the committee members shall be appointed for two years. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation. (Ord. 2023-057 Exh. A; Ord. 2012-005 Exh. A).