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The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its April 9, 2024, meeting: **RESOLUTION (2024-015) VACATING A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD AND AN UNNAMED ALLEY WITHIN THE AMENDED PLAT OF SOUTH WICKERSHAM (AB2024-155):** This resolution vacates a portion of County Road and an unnamed alley within the Amended Plat of South Wickersham legally described as "That portion of County Road adjacent to Lots 1 through 5 of Block 1 within the Amended Plat of South Wickersham and that portion of unnamed alley between and adjacent to Lots 1 through 5 and Lots 6 through 9 of Block 1 within Amended Plat of South Wickersham. This resolution was introduced on March 5, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-019) ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 15, BUILDINGS & CONSTRUCTION, TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2021 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, MECHANICAL, FUEL GAS, EXISTING BUILDING, FIRE CODES, AND THE NATIONAL FUEL GAS, WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY, UNIFORM PLUMBING, AND LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS CODES, AND THE 1997 UNIFORM CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS, AS AMENDED AS SET FORTH HEREIN, AS REQUIRED BY RCW CHAPTER 19.27 (AB2024-173):** This ordinance adopts amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 15 (Buildings & Construction) to adopt by reference, with certain amendments, the Washington State Building Code Council approved versions of the 2021 International Building Code, 2021 International Residential Code, 2021 International mechanical Code, 2021 International Fire Code, 2021 International Wildland Urban Interface Code, 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code, 2021 International Existing Building Code, 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2021 International Fuel Gas Code, 2021 Washington State Energy Code, 1997 Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, and certain Americans with Disabilities Act provisions, as required by RCW 19.27. This ordinance was introduced on March 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-020) ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE SECTION 1.14, ELECTORAL PRECINCTS, WITH NEWLY ESTABLISHED VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR WHATCOM COUNTY (AB2024-201):** This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code Section 1.14, creating precincts 403 and 702, and amending precincts 108, 113, 114, 115, 122, 128, 129, 150, 151, 303, 306, 402, 501, and 701, due to annexations in the cities of Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, and Nooksack. This ordinance was introduced on March 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-021) ADOPTING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 20, ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ALLOWING PROPANE RELOAD, STORAGE, AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES IN THE AGRICULTURE ZONE AS A CONDITIONAL USE (AB2024-208):** This ordinance allows as a conditional use the distribution, reload, storage, and sales of propane in the Agriculture District, and as a permitted use in the Light Impact Industrial District, Heavy Impact Industrial District, and Rural Industrial and Manufacturing District, and adds two new definitions to Chapter 20.97, the Definitions section, of Whatcom County Code. This ordinance was introduced on March 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-022) CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSIONERS AT THE NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION (AB2024-210):** This ordinance, per Whatcom County Charter Section 8.11, calls for the election of a Charter Review Commission, consisting of fifteen persons, an equal number from each Council district. There shall be no filing fee nor shall there be a primary. The qualified voters of the respective districts shall vote only for candidates from their district at the general election. Candidates' names shall appear on all ballots as drawn by lot. The member of the Commission who receives the greatest number of votes shall convene the Commission. The term of office shall be one year. The Commission shall meet at such times and in such places as it deems appropriate upon having given public notice. Registered voters who wish to represent their district on the 2025 Charter Review Commission must file a declaration of candidacy with the Whatcom County Auditor's Office during filing week, May 6 – 10, 2024. This ordinance was introduced on March 19, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

The Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on April 23, 2024, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 12.24, FRANCHISE REQUIREMENTS, TO UPDATE PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS (AB2024-157):** This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 12.24 to better align the processing of franchise applications and provide better service to applicants, as well as clarify and reorganize sections of the code. This ordinance was introduced on April 9, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 10.34 FERRY RATES (AB2024-238):** This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 10.34 to clarify definitions contained therein and provide additional direction on handling of farebox revenue, as well as provide further clarity on the administration of the ferry system. This ordinance was introduced on April 9, 2024.

ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on April 23, 2024, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE AUSTIN COURT STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS FUND, REQUEST NO. 1 (AB2024-217):** This ordinance establishes an Austin Court Stormwater Improvements Project Fund with an initial project budget of $287,375. This ordinance was introduced on April 9, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 2.106 TO CHANGE REPORTING DUE DATE FOR THE CHILD & FAMILY WELL-BEING TASK FORCE (AB2024-220):** This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 2.106 to change the deadline for the Child & Family Well-Being Task Force report to County Council and the County Executive from no later than March 30 to no later than May 7 of each year. This ordinance was introduced on April 9, 2024. **ORDINANCE CLOSING THE BIRCH BAY DRIVE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITY FUND AND PROJECT BASED BUDGET (AB2024-229):** This ordinance dissolves the Birch Bay Drive and Pedestrian Facility Project Fund and returns its remaining cash balance to the Road Fund. This ordinance was introduced on April 9, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE NEW PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND JUSTICE FACILITY, REQUEST NO. 6 (AB2024-235):** This ordinance appropriates $800,000 to fund permitting, predesign, and committee meeting facilitation work for a total project budget of $9,816,280. This ordinance was introduced on April 9, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE WAY STATION PROJECT FUND, REQUEST NO. 3 (AB2024-237):** This ordinance appropriates $100,000 to fund cost increases for removal of building exterior due to water intrusion and roof replacement for a total project budget of $14,037,461. This ordinance was introduced on April 9, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 6, IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,600,501 (AB2024-239):** This ordinance amends the 2024 Whatcom County budget as follows: From the General Fund: appropriate $260,930 in Non-Departmental to fund Department of Commerce JAG grant for Criminal Justice Data and IT; appropriate $43,111 in District Court to fund Court Clerk position; appropriate $84,102 in County Clerk to fund Minor Guardianship Facilitator position; appropriate 103,404 in Superior Court to fund Court Certified Spanish Interpreter position; appropriate $112,912 in Superior Court to fund Family and Juvenile Court Improvement Program Coordinator position; appropriate $17,523 in Sheriff to fund Recreational Boating Safety grant 2024; appropriate $2,800 in Sheriff to fund Washington State Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs traffic safety grant equipment 2024; appropriate $283,501 in Health to fund Vape Settlement Youth Cannabis and Tobacco Prevention Services costs; appropriate $15,400 in Health to fund Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families grant increase; appropriate $155,000 in Health to fund Foundational Public Health grant spending on public communication; appropriate $183,200 in Health to fund Foundational Public Health grant spending on Environmental Health; appropriate $74,000 in Health to fund Foundational Public Health grant spending on Information and Data Assessments; record $35,829 in Health to fund operating transfer in for Response Systems Special Projects Manager – companion to supplemental #4623. From the Jail Fund: appropriate $20,000 to fund transfer for contribution to Justice Data and IT project – companion to supplemental #4588. From the Election Reserve Fund: appropriate $240,000 to fund Presidential Primary Election Costs. From the Homeless Housing Fund: appropriate $1,801,736 to fund Washington State Department of Commerce Targeted Eviction Prevention grant. From the Behavioral Health Fund: appropriate $186,443 in Health to fund Response Systems Special Projects Manager position; record $0 in Health to fund Response Systems Labor Pool adjustment with no net effect to revenues or expenditures – companion to supplemental #4623; appropriate $30,947 in Superior Court to fund Substance Abuse Specialist partial position. From the Parks Special Revenue Fund: appropriate $100,000 in Parks to fund Lake Whatcom Watershed Forest Management Plan; appropriate $275,000 in Parks to fund Hovander Park Master Plan. From the Swift Creek Sediment Fund: appropriate $400,000 to fund Swift Creek Channel maintenance. From the Emergency Medical Services Fund: appropriate $250,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Medic 75 Station Upgrade reappropriation with City of Bellingham; appropriate $53,413 in Non-Departmental to fund Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services grant continuance. From the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Fund: appropriate $262,375 to fund transfer for Austin Court Project Based Budget – companion to supplemental #4612. From the American Rescue Plan Act Fund: appropriate $43,111 to fund transfer for Court Clerk Position – companion to supplemental #4499. From the Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund: appropriate $25,000 in Non-Departmental to fund transfer for Austin Court Project Based Budget – companion to supplemental #4612; appropriate $50,000 in Parks to fund Lighthouse Marine Park Siding Replacement change order. From the Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund: appropriate $183,500 in Parks to fund Plantation Indoor Range HVAC project completion; appropriate $6,744 in Parks to fund Bellingham Senior Center Sewer Line Replacement addition. From the Public Utilities Improvement Fund: appropriate $3,000,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Bellingham Old Town Urban Village contribution to City of Bellingham; appropriate $100,000 in Non-Departmental to fund contribution to the Waystation Project Based Budget – companion to supplemental #4630. From the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund: appropriate $90,870 to fund ER&R Purchasing and Contract Specialist position. From the Administrative Services Fund: appropriate $145,389 to fund Facilities Project Manager position for Justice Project. This ordinance was introduced on April 9, 2024.

Public documents are available for review weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, and at **whatcomcounty.us/council**. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, documents and archives at **whatcom.legistar.com**. The Council is currently holding hybrid meetings, which can be attended either in person or remotely. Full Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced) in the Council Chambers at 311 Grand Avenue. Instructions for remote participation can be found at **www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil** or by contacting the Council Office at 360-778-5010. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs who will be attending Council meetings are asked to contact the Council Office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.

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(Principal Clerk)

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Stephanie Hatcher

Notary Public in and for the state of Texas, residing in Dallas County

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