

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE SECTION 1.14, ELECTORAL PRECINCTS, FOR CHANGES
IN CERTAIN VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES IN WHATCOM COUNTY**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain precinct boundary line adjustments in Whatcom County Code Section 1.14 are needed due to annexations in the City of Bellingham and the City of Lynde; and

WHEREAS, the changes as proposed in the attached table labelled "Exhibit A" indicate which precincts are affected for what reason and the new page numbers to be added or modified in the "Book of Election Precinct Maps" previously adopted effective January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.16.040 requires the county legislative authority of each county in the state to divide the county into election precincts and establish the boundaries of the precincts; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.16.040 further provides that no precinct boundary changes may be made starting fourteen (14) days prior to the first day candidates may file for the primary election through the period ending with the general election; and

WHEREAS, the first day for candidates to file this year is the 13th day of May, 2019, and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.76.030 provides the County Auditor shall transfer and notify any registered voters that may be affected by the change in boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the changes to the "Book of Election Precinct Maps," shall be adopted by reference to Exhibit A attached hereto designating the new boundaries affecting Precincts 135, 139, 157, 159, 160, 273, 506, 272, 271, and 270, and the new "Book of Election Precinct Maps" in its entirety will be adopted by reference and available through the Whatcom County Council Office and online through the Election page at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office homepage.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY,
WASHINGTON**

Dana Brown-Davis, County Clerk

Rud Browne, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Royce Buckingham, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Jack Louws, County Executive

Date: _____