

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 3.72 (CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS) TO EXTEND THE START DATES AND ENHANCE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR UTILIZATION OF THE CONTRACTOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2019, Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance 2019-079 establishing apprenticeship utilization requirements for publicly funded construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council remains committed to training the next generation of skilled workers and urges the timely implementation of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the unexpected demands placed on the County by the pandemic and 2021 flood events impeded the County Departments from attending to the related issues of administration of the ordinance, requiring more time for implementation

WHEREAS, amending this ordinance to provide additional time for implementation gives Whatcom County the opportunity to strengthen its apprenticeship utilization requirements supporting local workers, providing more opportunities for apprentices, and affirming our shared commitment to responsible bids on all publicly funded projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Chapter 3.72 of the Whatcom County Code is hereby amended as provided for in Exhibit A attached hereto.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Approved Via Email-KF/EK
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

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Date Signed: _____