



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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**TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 5.04.085 EMS technical advisory board

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

See attached

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### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
10/22/2024	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier	
		Nay: 0	
11/06/2024	Council Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Buchanan, Byrd, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 0	
11/06/2024	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier	
		Nay: 0	

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**Attachments:** Memo, Proposed Ordinance, Notice of Action Proposed on 10.22.2024

PROPOSED BY: Executive  
INTRODUCTION DATE:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-056

**AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 5.04 "AMBULANCE  
FRANCHISES" SECTION 5.04.085**

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Code 5.04.085 specifies through the Emergency Medical Services ordinance the composition of the Technical Advisory Board (TAB) and the Emergency Medical Services Oversight Board (EOB),

**WHEREAS** the current Technical Advisory Board composition is listed as;

1. A member appointed by the Whatcom County Fire Chiefs Association;
2. A member appointed by the county executive from the Whatcom County administration;
3. A hospital/medical community representative, appointed jointly by the county executive and the mayor of Bellingham;
4. A member appointed by Whatcom County Fire District 7 as an ALS service provider;
5. A member appointed by the city of Bellingham fire department as an ALS service provider;
6. A member from the What-Comm Dispatch Center, appointed jointly by the county executive and the mayor of Bellingham;
7. A paramedic training education provider, appointed jointly by the county executive and the mayor of Bellingham;
8. A member appointed by the Whatcom County EMS/Trauma Care Council;
9. A member appointed by the mayor of Bellingham from the city of Bellingham administration; and;
10. The medical program director.

**WHEREAS**, the EMS Oversight Board is recommending to change the current TAB membership description and composition for position number seven (7) where the position description is currently defined as: A paramedic training education provider, appointed jointly by the County Executive and the Mayor of Bellingham.

**WHEREAS**, the EMS Oversight Board is recommending the new language for position seven (7) to be: A member appointed by the Fire Chief of Fire Protection District 7 Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that amendments to the Whatcom County Code are hereby adopted as shown in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED this 6th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

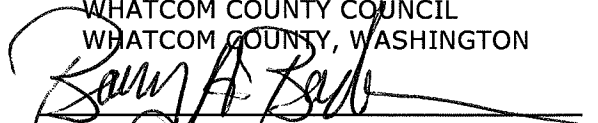
  
Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by Brandon Waldron 10/9/2024

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Approved      ( ) Denied

Date Signed: November 12, 2024

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Chapter 5.04.085**

**5.04.085 EMS Technical Advisory Board.**

A. Composition. There is created a joint, cooperative emergency medical services technical advisory board, consisting of the following 10 members:

1. A member appointed by the Whatcom County Fire Chiefs Association;
2. A member appointed by the county executive from the Whatcom County administration;
3. A hospital/medical community representative, appointed jointly by the county executive and the mayor of Bellingham;
4. A member appointed by Whatcom County Fire District 7 as an ALS service provider;
5. A member appointed by the city of Bellingham fire department as an ALS service provider;
6. A member from the What-Comm Dispatch Center, appointed jointly by the county executive and the mayor of Bellingham;
7. ~~A paramedic training education provider, appointed jointly by the county executive and the mayor of Bellingham;~~
7. A member appointed by the Fire Chief of Fire District 7 administration.
8. A member appointed by the Whatcom County EMS/Trauma Care Council;
9. A member appointed by the mayor of Bellingham from the city of Bellingham administration; and
10. The medical program director.

B. Board Officer and Staff Support.

1. County executive shall appoint chair and vice chair.
2. The chair shall be responsible for convening and conducting meetings.

3. Staff support of the EMS technical advisory board shall be designated by and serve under the direction of the county executive.
4. The EMS technical advisory board may create other interim work groups to assist the EMS technical advisory board in making recommendations. The interim work groups may include other members of the community not part of the EMS technical advisory board.

C. Duties of the EMS Technical Advisory Board. The Technical Advisory Board shall:

1. Serve as advisors and make recommendations to the EMS oversight board and to emergency medical service providers in Whatcom County regarding operational, educational, and logistical components of basic through advanced life support services;
2. Monitor the emergency medical services provided throughout Whatcom County and make recommendations to the EMS oversight board designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of those services;
3. Hold meetings as needed with the primary purpose of making such recommendations in an efficient and focused manner;
4. Strive to make recommendations by consensus. In the absence of consensus recommendations may be made by a majority of all members of the EMS technical advisory board;
5. Coordinate ongoing training standards and services; and
6. Consider diversity, equity, and inclusion in all activities and recommendations to the EMS oversight board; and
7. Review the levy service plan and provide feedback prior to the EMS oversight board considering endorsement of the plan; and
8. Strive to make recommendations that stay within the adopted county budget and service provider contracts. Any recommendations will include a fiscal analysis and funding recommendation. (Ord. 2022-060 Exh. A; Ord. 2013-074 (Exh. A)).