

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 09/28/21

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CENTRAL PLAZA TENANT IMPROVEMENTS FUND
AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT BASED BUDGET FOR THE CENTRAL PLAZA TENANT
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Public Defender’s Office currently has the need to increase their office space in the Central Plaza Building by adding offices for private client/attorney meetings, and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender’s Office will also be adding a significant number of temporary staff to mitigate the COVID-related court backlog, and

WHEREAS, space is available to remodel on the second floor of the Central Plaza Building where the Public Defender’s Office is located, and

WHEREAS, funding is available from Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund to fund the project, and

WHEREAS, Section 6.80 of the Whatcom County Home Rule Charter allows for project-based capital budget appropriation ordinances that lapse when the project has been completed or abandoned or when no expenditure or encumbrance has been made for three (3) years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that a new fund is hereby established effective October 12, 2021 titled Central Plaza Tenant Improvements Fund. This fund shall be used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to remodeling the second floor of the Public Defender’s Office, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the Central Plaza Tenant Improvements Fund is approved as described in Exhibit A with a project budget of \$400,000.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Chair of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

() Approved () Denied

Approved by email/C Quinn/M Caldwell
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
Date: _____