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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive and The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

From: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *EK*

Subject: Ordinance amending WCC 10.34 – Ferry Rates to add the Ferry District Funds and Board of Supervisors

Date: June 26, 2026

Enclosed is an ordinance adding the Ferry District Funds and Board of Supervisors to Whatcom County Code 10.34 – Ferry Rates

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the Whatcom County Council approves this proposed ordinance to add the Ferry District Funds and Board of Supervisors to WCC 10.34 – Ferry Rates.

Background and Purpose

On May 18, 2026 the Whatcom County Council established a countywide Ferry District, in order to support the county's ability to construct, purchase, operate, and maintain ferries and wharves. The governing body of the Ferry District is the Board of Supervisors, of which the County Council members are designated, and under RCW36.54.130, and have taxing authority to carry out the purposes for which the Ferry District was created.

This existing ferry code language needs revision to reflect the Whatcom County Council members as the Ferry District Board of Supervisors with authority as the governing body for the Ferry District. It includes adding new definitions for "Ferry District Property Tax" and "Ferry District Fund."

Please contact Laura Frolich at 360-778-6205 or lfrolich@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this agenda item.