

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**WHEREAS**, Districts that were not on the ballot in 2022 were not required to complete their redistricting exercises until November 15, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, redistricting was completed for Blaine School District 503, Ferndale School District 502, Meridian School District 505, Mt Baker School District 507, Nooksack Valley School District 506, South Whatcom Fire Authority, Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer, City of Bellingham and City of Blaine; and

**WHEREAS**, precinct splits and interior director districts have been incorporated into the precinct maps; and

**WHEREAS**, precincts located on the coast were revised to appropriately extend the precinct boundary into the water; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 29A.16.040(2) limits precinct size to 1,500 registered voters; and

**WHEREAS**, precinct 306 is a new precinct in the City of Blaine; and

**WHEREAS**, the following precincts have external boundary changes: 102, 103, 105, 113, 114, 117, 118, 128, 131, 135, 146, 152, 155, 156, 157, 175, 176, 178, 201, 202, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 601; and

**WHEREAS**, the following precincts have internal splits added: 106, 109, 115, 126, 129, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 146, 147, 148, 151, 153, 156, 158, 161, 166, 169, 170, 171, 174, 175, 177, 178, 202, 237, 305, 401, 503, 507, 508, 509; and

**WHEREAS**, precinct splits were removed from the following precincts: 111, 112, 113, 114, 118, 164; and

**WHEREAS**, identifying information has been added to the bottom of all precinct maps; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 29A.16.040 provides the county legislative authority shall divide the county into precincts and establish boundaries for the precincts; and this statute 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 day of the general election; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 29A.16.070 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County Council that all previous ordinances establishing voting precinct boundaries for Whatcom County are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED** that Whatcom County Code Section 1.14 is hereby **amended** **replaced** in its entirety with newly established voting precinct boundaries and maps and substituted into the "Book of Election Precinct Maps"; said revised Book of Maps **is** 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Dana Brown-Davis, County Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

( ) Approved ( ) Denied

/s/ Royce Buckingham approved via email on 3/16/2023/MR

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Royce Buckingham, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: \_\_\_\_\_