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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 4, 2020
TO: Whatcom County Council
FROM: Whatcom County Council Staff
RE: Ordinance adopting interim zoning regulations for temporary homeless facilities

On July 24, 2018, the Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance 2018-041, adopting interim regulations for the establishment and operation of temporary homeless facilities for one year. On November 6, 2019, the Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance 2019-074, extending Ordinance 2018-041 for one year and incorporating minor changes to the definition of "temporary homeless facility" (Section 3) and to provisions for finding alternative shelter for children under the age of 18 without a parent or guardian present (Section 2.I.). Ordinance 2019-074 will expire on November 6, 2020, and AB2020-373 brings forward a new ordinance to extend regulations another year.

The proposed ordinance includes the following revisions (strike through = deleted, bold underlined = added):

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WHEREAS, on November 6, 2019, the Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance 2019-074, extending Ordinance 2018-041 for one year and incorporating minor changes to the definition of "temporary homeless facility" (Section 3) and finding alternative shelter for children under the age of 18 without a parent or guardian present (Section 2.I.); and

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WHEREAS, Ordinance 2019-074 ~~2018-041~~ is set to expire on November 6, 2020; ~~July 24, 2019~~

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WHEREAS the County Council finds that extending the interim regulations imposed by Ordinance ~~2018-041~~ 2019-074 is necessary for the protection of public health and safety; and

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Section 10. Duration of Interim Ordinance. This interim ordinance will replace Ordinance ~~2018-041~~ 2019-074 and shall be in effect for one year beginning on ~~November 6, 2019~~ October 27, 2020, and ending on ~~November 6, 2020~~ October 27, 2021, unless another ordinance is adopted amending the Whatcom County Code and rescinding this interim ordinance before ~~November 6, 2020~~ October 27, 2021.