



# Memorandum

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

**Through:** Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

**From:** James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *JPK*

**Date:** December 20, 2021

**Re:** **Ordinance - Installation of a Stop Sign on Northwest Drive**

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## Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to install a stop sign southbound on Northwest Drive at the intersection with West Pole Road.

## Background and Purpose

The County Engineer has determined that at this location a road user, after stopping, cannot see conflicting traffic and is not able to negotiate the intersection unless conflicting cross traffic is also required to stop. This is due to substandard sight distance for westbound traffic on W. Pole Road to make a left turn movement to southbound Northwest Drive and will require stop control.

## Information

This ordinance will allow for the installation of a stop sign and is necessary to comply with RCW 36.32.120 *Powers of legislative authorities* and 46.61.200 *Stop intersections other than arterials may be designated* to install traffic control signs.

Please contact Douglas Ranney II, Engineering Services Manager at extension 6255 if you have any questions regarding this ordinance.