

PROPOSED BY: Executive Sidhu
INTRODUCTION DATE: November. 9, 2022

ORDINANCE NO.- -

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE COURTHOUSE
IMPROVEMENT FUND, REQUEST NO. 2**

WHEREAS, this fund was established by Ordinance No. 2014-073 to replace the Courthouse fire alarm system and the roof over Juvenile; and

WHEREAS, both of those projects have been completed and the project budget was amended to include several other courthouse repair and replacement projects; and

WHEREAS, all of the additional projects have now been completed leaving an expenditure balance of \$91,013; and

WHEREAS, the county is experiencing a need for additional office space throughout the organization due to increases in staffing and many tenant improvement projects that have and will continue to temporarily displace staff; and

WHEREAS, the administration believes it to be efficient and resourceful to maximize all available and underutilized space within the courthouse; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a need to temporarily relocate the Medical Examiner staff from their State Street office during the Waystation construction project; and

WHEREAS, there is available unfinished space in the courthouse basement that was formerly used as the emergency operations center which can be converted to three large offices to accommodate multiple employees; and

WHEREAS, the administration believes it to be in the best interest of the county to have readily available office space that can be utilized for temporary or long-term occupation when the need arises; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements to this underutilized space will provide long-term benefits for the organization when office space is needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Ordinance 2014-073 is hereby amended by adding \$100,000 of expenditure authority, as described in Exhibit A, to the amended project budget of \$1,071,907, for a total project budget of \$1,171,907.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

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Date Signed: _____