

**WHATCOM COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
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SHERIFF



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Whatcom County Council
311 Grand Avenue
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RE: Office of Sheriff

Dear Council Members:

The purpose of this communication is to tender my intent to retire and vacate the Office of Sheriff on December 31, 2023. The reason for announcing my intention to retire prior to the start of the term of Office for the newly elected Sheriff (January 8, 2024) involves requirements of the Washington State Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Retirement System II.

As provided in Section 4.50 of the County Charter, Council has the authority to appoint an interim Sheriff to fill the remainder of my term. I have been in frequent contact with Sheriff Elect Tanksley since the results of the November election became apparent and we have been working together to ensure a smooth transition. Sheriff Elect Tanksley indicated that he may be available to fill the position a week early if requested.

It has been the honor of my life to serve our community as Sheriff and I thank you for your support over the past 21 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Elfo".

Bill Elfo, Sheriff

cc: Whatcom County Council Clerk Dana Brown Davis
Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Richey