

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ADOPTING VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO WCC TITLE 20 (ZONING) REGARDING HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, The Council’s 2023 docket includes item PLN2014-00016, “Amend the Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance to allow “Weddings and Special Events” in specific zone districts through a conditional use permit. Amend WCC 20.97 to define “Special Events” and amend the parking space requirements in WCC 20.80.580.”

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services has proposed amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20 to fulfill this directive; and,

WHEREAS, The Whatcom County Council reviewed and considered Planning Commission recommendations, staff recommendations, and public comments on the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, The County Council hereby adopts the following findings of fact:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Whatcom County Planning and Development Services has submitted an application to make amendments to WCC Title 20 (Zoning) regarding home-based businesses.
2. A determination of non-significance (DNS) was issued under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) on May 1, 2023.
3. Notice of the subject amendment was submitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce on April 19, 2023, for their 60-day review. No comments were received.
4. The Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed amendments on May 25, 2023.
5. The County Council held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed amendments on _____, 2023.
6. The amendments are consistent with Comprehensive Plan goals and policies listed in section IV of this staff report.
7. In addition, many of the amendments shown in Exhibit A are solely to fix grammar and have more concise language.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The amendments to the development regulations are in the public interest.
2. The amendments are consistent with the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that:

Section 1. Amendments to the Whatcom County Code are hereby adopted as shown in Exhibit A.

Section 2. Staff is authorized to work with Code Publishing to correct and update any cross-references made ineffective by these amendments.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED as to form:

() Approved () Denied

Karen Frakes approved via phone on 6/15/2023/MR

Karen Frakes, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: _____