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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20 (Zoning) to comply with preemptive state regulations for accessory dwelling units and co-living standards

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20 (Zoning) to comply with preemptive State regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units and Co-living standards affecting residential zoning districts in Urban Growth Areas per RCW 36.70A.680/.681 and RCW 36.70A.535.

Every ten years, as part of the periodic update, RCW 36.70A.130(1) requires Whatcom County to take legislative action to review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations to comply with the requirements of the Growth Management Act codified under RCW 36.70A. These amendments to Title 20 are part of the periodic review under the Growth Management Act.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
11/18/2025	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremmer	
		Nay: 0	

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Aye: 2 Buchanan, and Donovan

Nay: 5 Byrd, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Attachments: Memo, Proposed Ordinance, Staff Report, Memo - Cost, Notice of Hearing on 12.9.2025