



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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### **TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 20.34 Rural Residential Island (RRI) to allow food preparation for off-site consumption when accessory to and located within an approved community center

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Title 20.34 Rural Residential Island (RRI) to allow food preparation for off-site consumption when accessory to and located within an approved community center.

The Rural Residential Island (RRI) District is specific to Lummi Island. It applies only to the north half of Lummi, which is generally rural. Some commercial uses are permitted through a conditional use permit under Whatcom County Code WCC 20.34.150. Lummi Island is a unique district with geographic barriers to food affordability and accessibility. This code change will allow food preparation for off-site consumption when accessory to and located within an approved community center as a conditional use.

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### **HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE**

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01/13/2026 Council

INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC Council  
HEARING

Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

01/27/2026 Council

ADOPTED

Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

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**Attachments:** Staff Memo, Staff Memo: Land Use Cost Analysis, Staff Report, Proposed Ordinance, Notice of Hearing after 1.13.2026