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**Jack Louws**  
County Executive

TO: Members of the Whatcom County Council

FROM: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive and Christopher Quinn, Deputy Prosecutor

RE: Amending Whatcom county Code Section 6.04, Animal Control

Date: February 5, 2019

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**Requested Action:**

Consider and approve proposed amendments to Whatcom County Code (WCC) 6.04 Animal Control that provides regulations within the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County and specific controls within designated urban areas of Whatcom County to control animal conduct.

**Background and Purpose:**

The purpose of the proposed amendments to WCC 6.04 is the following:

- A) To more clearly identify the entities (including a humane society) that may be authorized and obligated to administer and enforce provisions of the WCC related to animal control;
- B) To update the definitions to include humane societies, and other animal care/control agencies as animal control authorities;
- C) To define the animal control officer for purposes of the Code.

These proposed changes clarify the designation of animal care and control services in the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County.

Please contact Tyler Schroeder at extension 5207 or Christopher Quinn at 5729 for questions or concerns regarding this amendment.