



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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### TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution to declare Whatcom County real property as surplus and approve transfer

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Per RCW 36.34.130 and Whatcom County Code 1.10.340, the Whatcom County Property Management Committee has recommended to surplus and transfer Whatcom County real property, tax parcel 380236 504432 0000, to the City of Bellingham for the appraised value of \$15,000 and all related closing costs

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### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/25/2025	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 6 Buchanan, Byrd, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremmler	
		Nay: 0	
		Temp Absent: 1 Donovan	
04/15/2025	Council	APPROVED	
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremmler	
		Nay: 0	

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**Attachments:** Staff Memo, Proposed Resolution, Appraisal, Aerial Map, Notice of Hearing after 3.25.2025, Notice of Hearing 2 after 3.25.2025

SPONSORED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED BY: Public Works

INTRODUCTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-014

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WHATCOM COUNTY REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND  
APPROVE TRANSFER

WHEREAS, RCW 36.34.005 authorizes counties to establish comprehensive procedures for the management of county property, including the sale of surplus real estate where it is found to be in the best interest of a county to sell same; and

WHEREAS, in Whatcom County Code (WCC), Chapter 1.10, Whatcom County has established those procedures; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County owns a property located on Wharf Street within the City of Bellingham; and

WHEREAS, there are limited records on this property but they indicate that the property has been owned by Whatcom County since the 1940's; and

WHEREAS, the property has no utility to Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham has interest in ownership of the property for a future project and Whatcom County has interest in transferring the property to the City of Bellingham; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal was completed and the property was valued at \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, WCC 1.10.340 allows for a transfer of property to a governmental agency without a public sale; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.34.130 allows for transfer of property from a County to another governmental agency by means of private negotiation upon such terms as may be agreed upon and for consideration as may be deemed to be adequate; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Property Management Committee, having met and considered Whatcom County's best interest, recommends that the County Council declare Whatcom County real property, tax parcel number 380236 504432 0000, to be surplus property and that the property be transferred to the City of Bellingham upon payment of the appraisal value of \$15,000 and all related closing costs; and

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3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the best interest of the County to declare  
4 Whatcom County real property, tax parcel number 380236 504432 0000, to be surplus and that the  
5 property be transferred to the City of Bellingham in exchange for the payment of \$15,000 and all related  
6 closing costs.

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8 APPROVED this 15th day of April, 2025

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10 ATTEST

COUNTY

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13 Cathy Halka, County Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 Christopher Quinn

18 Civil Deputy Prosecutor

19 (authorized via email 2/27/2025)  
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