

PROPOSED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
INTRODUCTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS & CONSTRUCTION) TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2018 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, MECHANICAL, FUEL GAS, EXISTING BUILDING, FIRE CODES, AND THE NATIONAL FUEL GAS, WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY, UNIFORM PLUMBING, & LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS CODES, AND THE 1997 UNIFORM CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS, AS AMENDED AS SET FORTH HEREIN, AS REQUIRED BY RCW CHAPTER 19.27**

**WHEREAS**, the State Building Code Council has updated and amended the State Building Code by adopting the International Codes, 2018 Edition, with modifications; and,

**WHEREAS**, RCW Chapter 19.27 requires local jurisdictions to administer and enforce the State Building Code within the unincorporated areas of its boundaries; and,

**WHEREAS**, RCW 19.27.040 allows local jurisdictions to adopt appropriate modifications and/or amendments to the State Building Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, some identified modifications and/or amendments to the State Building Code as it applies to Whatcom County are desirable for various reasons; and,

**WHEREAS**, the local adoption of the referenced codes will promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of occupants or users of buildings and structures and the general public, and will fulfill the state-mandated enforcement obligation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Whatcom County Council held a public hearing on February 23, 2021 to review findings and staff recommendations and to consider any public testimony and written correspondence regarding this matter.

**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.

Section 3. Adjudication of invalidity of any of the sections, clauses, or provisions of this Ordinance shall not affect or impair the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED as to form:

( ) Approved      ( ) Denied

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Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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Satpal Sidhu, Executive

Date: \_\_\_\_\_