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Memorandum

TO: The Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive
The Honorable Whatcom County Council

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THROUGH: Mark Personius, Director *MP*

DATE: December 11, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution Amending the 2018 Docket / Drinking Water Rules

Pursuant to state and local law, the docket of proposed comprehensive plan and development regulation amendments is presented to the County Council on or about March 1 each year (WCC 22.10.020(1)). The Council then approves a resolution with the proposed amendments that are selected for further review.

The Council approved the 2018 docket of proposed amendments on February 27, 2018 (Resolution 2018-005). However, the provisions of WCC 22.10.020(2) authorize the County Council to place a proposed amendment on the docket at any time by majority vote, thereby amending the annual docket.

Currently, the County's drinking water regulations require an applicant to hook up to a public water system if certain conditions are met (WCC 24.11.050). These regulations have been incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan by reference. The County Council discussed the criteria that require an applicant to hook up to a water association and decided to revisit these rules.

Therefore, at Council's request, Planning and Development Services has drafted a proposed modification to the 2018 docket to add the drinking water amendments. This would allow the proposed amendments to proceed through SEPA and Planning Commission review, and come back to Council to be considered concurrently with other comprehensive plan amendments in 2019.

As a separate matter, please note that Planning and Development Services will bring the next proposed annual docket to Council for consideration in late February or early March 2019.