



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance calling for the election of Charter Review Commissioners at the November 2024 General Election

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Whatcom County Charter Section 8.11 - Charter Review Commission Election and Period of Office: At least every ten (10) years after the adoption of this Charter, the County Council shall cause an election of a Charter Review Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall consist of fifteen (15) persons, an equal number from each Council district. There shall be no filing fee nor shall there be a primary. The qualified voters of the respective districts shall vote only for candidates from their district at the general election. Candidates' names shall appear on all ballots as drawn by lot. The member of the Commission who receives the greatest number of votes shall convene the Commission. The term of office shall be one year. The Commission shall meet at such times and in such places as it deems appropriate upon having given public notice.

Registered voters who wish to represent their district on the 2025 Charter Review Commission must file a declaration of candidacy with the Whatcom County Auditor's Office during filing week, May 6 - 10, 2024.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/19/2024	Council	INTRODUCED Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler Nay: 0	Council
04/09/2024	Council	ADOPTED Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler Nay: 0	

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance

ORDINANCE 2024- 022

**CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSIONERS AT THE
NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Charter (Charter) Section 8.11 calls for the election of a Charter Review Commission to review the Charter in its entirety at least every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Charter was last reviewed by a Charter Review Commission in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Charter states that the Commission shall consist of 15 persons, with an equal number from each Council District; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no filing fee nor shall there be a primary election for persons seeking the office of Charter Review Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the term of office shall be one year and the member of the Commission receiving the greatest number of votes shall convene the Commission at a time and location to be determined; and

WHEREAS, the formation and operation of the Charter Review Commission shall be in conformance with the provisions of Article 8 of the Whatcom Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, in order to seek the election of a Charter Review Commission in November 2024 the County Council shall submit a signed copy of this ordinance to the Whatcom County Auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that an election of Charter Review Commissioners is hereby ordered for November 2024.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that registered voters who wish to represent their district on the Charter Review Commission must file a declaration of candidacy with the Whatcom County Auditor's Office during filing week, May 6 – 10, 2024.

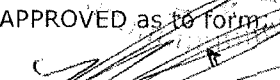
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of the Council shall budget for anticipated operating costs and provide staffing for the 2025 term of the Charter Review Commission.


BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Whatcom County Auditor immediately upon adoption.


APPROVED this 9th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED as to form

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

