



# Whatcom County

COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
311 Grand Avenue, Ste #105  
Bellingham, WA 98225-4038  
(360) 778-5010

## Agenda Bill Master Report

File Number: **AB2026-255**

---

<b>File ID:</b>	AB2026-255	<b>Version:</b>	1	<b>Status:</b>	Adopted
<b>File Created:</b>	03/20/2026	<b>Entered by:</b>	KSmith@co.whatcom.wa.us		
<b>Department:</b>	Council Office	<b>File Type:</b>	Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing		
<b>Assigned to:</b>	Council	<b>Final Action:</b>	04/14/2026		
<b>Agenda Date:</b>	04/14/2026	<b>Enactment #:</b>	ORD 2026-020		
<b>Related Files:</b>					

---

Primary Contact Email: [ksmith@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:ksmith@co.whatcom.wa.us)

### TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance authorizing a sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for criminal justice purposes as authorized by RCW 82.14.345 and adding a new Chapter 3.27 Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice Purposes to the Whatcom County Code

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Ordinance authorizing a sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for criminal justice purposes as authorized by RCW 82.14.345 and adding a new Chapter 3.27 Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice Purposes to the Whatcom County Code. This is an alternate to AB2026-213.

---

### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

---

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
03/24/2026	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 0	
04/14/2026	Council	PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED (file not final)	
04/14/2026	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 5 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Stremler	

**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance, Notice of Hearing After 3.24.2026