

PROPOSED BY: Executive  
INTRODUCED: January 27, 2026

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

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE HOVANDER PARK BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, REQUEST NO. 4**

**WHEREAS**, this fund was established by Ordinance No. 2016-055 to demolish two deteriorated buildings that posed safety hazards and to construct a new Parks shop building; and

**WHEREAS**, the project has progressed through the design phase and permitting is pending; however, the project has not advanced to the construction phase; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration has identified a significant need to provide working office space to replace the Northwest Annex building complex; and

**WHEREAS**, a suitable property at 333 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bellingham, Washington has been found that is available for purchase that will satisfy the needs of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, funding is needed to accommodate the purchase of this property; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration has made the decision that the Hovander Park Building project be put on hold to make funding available for the building acquisition; and

**WHEREAS**, \$1.2 million is available in the Hovander Park Building project fund to seed the newly established project fund, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Property Acquisition Fund, used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to purchasing the 333 32<sup>nd</sup> Street property; and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining cash in the project fund will be used to progress the project through the permitting phase until such a time that funding is available for the construction phase.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that Ordinance 2016-055 is hereby amended by reassigning \$1,200,000 of expenditure authority, as described in Exhibit A, for a total project budget of \$1,696,378.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

ATTEST:

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Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Approved by Email/B Waldron/A Tan  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

(  ) Approved      (  ) Denied

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

## EXHIBIT A

### Hovander Park Building Improvements Project Fund 3805

| <u>Account</u>                | <u>Description</u> | <u>Current Project Budget</u> | <u>Amendment #4 to Ord. 2016-055</u> | <u>Total Amended Project Budget</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Expenditures</b>           |                    |                               |                                      |                                     |
| 6190 Direct Billing Rate      |                    | \$ 55,000                     | \$ -                                 | \$ 55,000                           |
| 6630 Professional Services    |                    | \$ 151,378                    | \$ -                                 | \$ 151,378                          |
| 7350 Buildings and Structures |                    | \$ 90,000                     | \$ -                                 | \$ 90,000                           |
| 7380 Other Improvements       |                    | \$ 1,400,000                  | \$ (1,200,000)                       | \$ 200,000                          |
| 8597 Transfer Out             |                    | \$ -                          | \$ 1,200,000                         | \$ 1,200,000                        |
|                               |                    | <b>\$ 1,696,378</b>           | <b>\$ -</b>                          | <b>\$ 1,696,378</b>                 |
| <b>Revenues</b>               |                    |                               |                                      |                                     |
| 8397 Op Transfer In - REET II |                    | \$ 1,458,069                  | \$ -                                 | \$ 1,458,069                        |
|                               |                    | <b>\$ 1,458,069</b>           | <b>\$ -</b>                          | <b>\$ 1,458,069</b>                 |