

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:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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

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Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

(    ) Approved            (    ) Denied

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

## EXHIBIT A

### Hovander Park Building Improvmenets 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>