



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending WCC 2.123.040 Membership - Term of Office for the Forestry Advisory Committee

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

The proposal will amend Whatcom County Code (WCC)2.123.040 to allow the County Council to waive the registered voter/residency requirement for representatives of commercial forestry landowners on the Forestry Advisory Committee.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
04/12/2022	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Committee of the Whole
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	
		Absent: 0	
04/26/2022	Council Committee of the Whole	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	
		Absent: 0	
04/26/2022	Council	ADOPTED	

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Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

Attachments: Staff memo, Exhibit A, Proposed ordinance

PROPOSED BY: _Kershner and Galloway_
INTRODUCTION DATE: 4/12/22

ORDINANCE # 2022-041

**AMENDMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 2.123.040 MEMBERSHIP-TERM OF
OFFICE FOR THE FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Forestry Advisory Committee is comprised of 11 members appointed by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, there are presently 5 vacant positions on the Forestry Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, 2 vacant positions are for commercial forest landowners or their eligible representatives; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for appointment by the council and/or executive to fill any vacancy on a board, committee or commission, a person shall be a qualified registered voter and resident of Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County contains approximately 187,311 acres of commercial forestry zoned land;

WHEREAS, roughly 50% of all commercial forestry zoned land is under public ownership, primarily by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources or Whatcom County;

WHEREAS, roughly 89% of all privately owned commercial forestland is owned by timber companies with landholdings greater than 1,400 acres;


WHEREAS, roughly 87% of all privately owned commercial forestland is owned by timber companies with headquarters outside of Whatcom County that may not have representatives that can meet residency requirements; and

WHEREAS, these timber companies headquartered outside of Whatcom County have a vested interest in what the Forestry Advisory Committee does and how they advise the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.123 is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED this 26th day of April, 2022

ATTEST

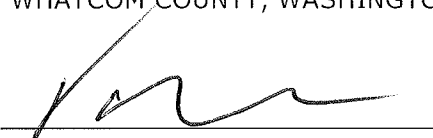

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


/s/ Royce Buckingham (approved via e-mail) / JL

Royce Buckingham
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Todd Donovan, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Approved Denied

Date Signed: April 28, 2022

Exhibit A

Title 2 Administration and Personnel Amendments

Chapter 2.123 FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2.123.040 Membership - Term of Office

The committee shall consist of 11 voting members as follows: two small forest landowners, two commercial forest landowners or their eligible representatives, two harvesters, two private citizens with forestry expertise, two forest product manufacturers, and one representative designated by the Department of Natural Resources.

Committee members shall be appointed by the county council. Member terms will be four years. The County Council shall have the right to waive the qualified registered voter and residency requirement (WCC 2.03.100) for representatives of the commercial forest landowner positions on the committee.