



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Section 1.14, Electoral Precincts, with newly established voting precinct boundaries for Whatcom County

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Changes are needed to precinct boundary lines in Whatcom County Code Section 1.14 due to annexations in the city of Lynden. We amended Precinct 127, 128, 130, 601, 605, 609, 610, and 611. If approved the maps will be added and substituted to the "Book of Election Precinct Maps," and available through the Whatcom County Council Office and online at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division, website.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/25/2025	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 6 Buchanan, Byrd, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier	
		Nay: 0	
		Temp Absent: 1 Donovan	
04/15/2025	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier	
		Nay: 0	

04/15/2025 Council Finance and Administrative RECOMMENDED FOR
Services Committee ADOPTION
Aye: 3 Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan
Nay: 0

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Precinct Maps, Notice of Hearing after 3.25.2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-019

**REPLACING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE SECTION 1.14, ELECTORAL PRECINCTS, WITH
NEWLY ESTABLISHED VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR WHATCOM COUNTY**

WHEREAS, we have been notified that precinct boundary line adjustments are needed due to annexations in the city of Lynden; and

WHEREAS, the following precincts have external boundary changes: 127, 128, 601, 605, and 611; and

WHEREAS, the following surrounding individual precinct pages have been replaced to reflect changes displayed in the outlying areas: 130, 609, 610; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.16.050(1) requires every voting precinct must be wholly within a single congressional district, a single legislative district and a single district of the county legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.16.040(2) limits precinct size to 1,500 registered voters; and


WHEREAS, RCW 29A.16.040 provides the county legislative authority shall divide the county into precincts and establish boundaries for the precincts; and this statute further provides that no precinct boundary changes may be made starting seven (7) days prior to the first day candidates may file for the primary election through the period ending with the general election; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.16.070 provides the County Auditor shall transfer and notify any registered voters that may be affected by the change in boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the change to the "Book of Election Precinct Maps," affecting Precinct 127, 128, 130, 601, 605, 609, 610, and 611 shall be adopted and substituted into the "Book of Election Precinct Maps;" said revised Book of Maps is available through the Whatcom County Council Office and online through the Election page at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office homepage.

ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2025.

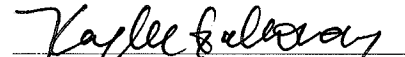
ATTEST:


Cathy Halka, County Clerk OF
WASHINGTON

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ approved via email by Kellen Kooistra/LB
Kellen Kooistra, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

☒ Approved () Denied


Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: 4-17-25