

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 02/08/22

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WAY STATION PROJECT FUND AND ESTABLISHING A
PROJECT BASED BUDGET FOR THE WAY STATION
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Whatcom County and its partner agencies of PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center, Opportunity Council and Unity Care NW, wish to renovate the County's 1500 N. State Street property for the purpose of providing services to people who are homeless and living either in shelters or who are unsheltered, and

WHEREAS, the County will use portions of the building to provide county services, including the Medical Examiner, county morgue, Countywide Emergency Medical Services administration, the GRACE & LEAD programs, as well as other Health Department services, and

WHEREAS, extensive renovations are needed to accommodate these services, and

WHEREAS, funding of \$2,384,322 for Phase I of this project will be available from the transfer in of the fund balance from the closure of the abandoned State Street Acquisition and Improvement Fund project, and

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Improvement Fund funding included in the State Street Acquisition and Improvement Fund project fund balance is appropriate for expenditure on the Way Station project, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the County Council will adopt an amendment to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan to include clarification that the project listed for 1500 N. State Street, in the current CEDS Plan, is for the Way Station Project, and

WHEREAS, Section 6.80 of the Whatcom County Home Rule Charter allows for project-based capital budget appropriation ordinances that lapse when the project has been completed or abandoned or when no expenditure or encumbrance has been made for three (3) years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that a new fund is hereby established effective February 22, 2022 known as the Way Station Project Fund. This fund shall be used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to renovating the 1500 N. State Street building, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the Way Station Project Fund is approved as described in Exhibit A with an initial project budget of \$2,384,322.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Todd Donovan, Chair of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

() Approved () Denied

Approved by email/C Quinn/M Caldwell
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
Date: _____