

1 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

2 **PROPOSED BY:** Facilities

3 **INTRODUCTION DATE:** _____

4 RESOLUTION NO. _____

5 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF EASEMENTS ON WHATCOM COUNTY PROPERTY
6 LOCATED AT 3545 EAST MCLEOD ROAD TO VERIZON WIRELESS
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8 WHEREAS, Whatcom County owns a property at 3545 E. McLeod Road known as the “Whatcom
9 Counseling Center Property”, tax parcel number 380316 365284 0000; and

10 WHEREAS, Compass Health leases the property from Whatcom County for the purposes of operating a
11 mental health and counseling facility; and

12 WHEREAS, T-Mobile West Tower LLC operates a cell tower on the property through a lease agreement;
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14 WHEREAS, Crown Castle manages the cell tower operation on behalf of T-Mobile West Tower LLC; and

15 WHEREAS, Cellco Partnership d/b/a, Verizon Wireless (Verizon) utilizes the cell tower through a separate
16 agreement with Crown Castle; and

17 WHEREAS, Verizon has requested from Puget Sound Energy to install electrical facilities necessary for a
18 cell tower upgrade and Puget Sound Energy has requested a utility easement be recorded on the property for
19 the purposes of installation and maintenance of said electrical facilities; and

20 WHEREAS, Verizon has requested a separate utility easement in their name within the same legal
21 description of the proposed Puget Sound Energy utility easement; and

22 WHEREAS, while the cell tower lease agreement does provide for the accommodation of utilities in support
23 of the cell tower, it does not grant blanket approval for the granting of utility easements; and

24 WHEREAS, the County Code does not specifically address the procedure for conveying a limited interest in
25 County property; and

26 WHEREAS, Facilities and the Executive’s Office is supportive of granting a utility easement to Verizon and
27 a utility easement to Puget Sound Energy to support Verizon cell tower upgrade; and

28 WHEREAS, as compensation for the easements Verizon will be required to pay Whatcom County
29 \$14,000.00 as agreed to by the two parties; and

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2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that the Executive is authorized
3 to conclude the sale of the easements as set forth in Exhibit 1 to the Grantees subject to full payment and to
4 the terms and conditions of the easements.

5 APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025

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7 ATTEST: WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
8 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
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10 _____
11 Cathy Halka, County Clerk Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair
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13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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16 Christopher Quinn
17 Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor
18 (authorized via email 5/9/2025)