



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Jack Louws, County Executive
Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

FROM: Eric L. Schlehuber, Public Works Equipment Services Manager *ES*

DATE: May 15, 2019

RE: Property Lease Agreement – Whatcom County Search and Rescue Council

▪ **Requested Action**

Enclosed for your review and approval are two original property lease agreements between Whatcom County Public Works and Whatcom County Search and Rescue Council.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This lease agreement is for the usage of real property by the Whatcom County Search and Rescue Council to house their operation in furtherance of their public service. The property lease term is for thirty-five years. This will cover the period from March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2034.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This is NOT a budgeted expenditure. The Whatcom County Search and Rescue Council will pay ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) per year, payable March 1, 2019, and each successive year thereafter for the term of this agreement. This rental amount will be renegotiated on or before March 1, 2024 and each five-year period thereafter during the term of this agreement.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This new property lease will be March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2034. The prior lease began in March 1984 and expired after the thirty-five year term on February 28, 2019. The annual rent amount remains the same as the prior lease agreement as ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00).

▪ **Recommended Action**

Please approve this property lease renewal agreement and forward to the County Executive and the County Council for approval at their June 4, 2019 County Council meeting.

Please contact Eric L. Schlehuber at extension 6405, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.