

PROPOSED BY: _Kershner and Galloway_
INTRODUCTION DATE: _____

ORDINANCE # _____

**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 4 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 FINALLY ORDAINED that Whatcom County Code Chapter

2.123 is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Royce Buckingham
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

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Date Signed: _____