

PROPOSED BY: _____
INTRODUCTION DATE: _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____
AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-079 TO CHANGE PHASE III REPORT DEADLINE

WHEREAS, in April 2019, the County Health Board adopted Resolution 2019-020 affirming commitment to Whatcom County’s Young Children and Families; and

WHEREAS, in February 2020, the County Health Board officially adopted a child and family action plan entitled: “Whatcom Working Towards Well-being: An Action Plan for County Government” (Action Plan); and

WHEREAS, in December 2020, the Child & Family Well-Being Task Force was established by ordinance 2020-079; and

WHEREAS, the Child & Family Well-Being Task Force voted in a special meeting on May 31st, 2022 to approve a letter recommending the passage of proposed ordinance 2022-045; and

WHEREAS, proposed ordinance 2022-45 would submit to electors of Whatcom County to lift the regular property taxes under chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of funding for childcare, early learning programs, and increase support for vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the passing of ordinance 2022-045, the Child & Family Well-Being Task Force met on June 13th and July 11th, 2022 to discuss the impact on the work being conducted for PHASE III report; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force determined election outcome on the levy changes would greatly impact the relevant content of the PHASE III report; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance calls for the task force to develop reports on initial work and tasks accomplished to be presented to County Council and County Executive in the following phases:

PHASE I – Establish Task Force processes and procedures. Clarify goals and metrics. Establish processes for shared accountability for results. Evaluate and recommend infrastructure model for County adoption. Propose scope and approach for County fiscal analysis to identify existing and potential funding streams for child and family programs. Review and identify existing child and family serving collaborative resources and initiatives, and infrastructure. Recommend strategies to fill the gaps identified. Deliver the initial Phase I report by June 1, 2021

PHASE II -- Develop and establish methods to increase and stabilize funding streams for child and family programs, services, and infrastructure. Deliver the initial Phase II report as completed no later than March 2022.

PHASE III – Develop specific operational plans and budgets leading to implementation of appropriate programs, services and infrastructure. Include details on assignment of responsibilities, and projected outcomes anticipated. Deliver the initial Phase III report with sufficient details to proceed with programs and infrastructure no later than October 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Code 2.106, 106.090 of ordinance 2020-079 says biannual reports will be submitted no later than March 30 and September 30 of each year.

1 WHEREAS, the Task Force voted on July 11th, 2022 to request changes to the deadline of
2 the PHASE III report; and

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4 WHEREAS, the proposed change will allow inclusion of election outcomes to better inform
5 operational and budget plans, while aligning with Whatcom County Code 2.106, 106.090.
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7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Ordinance 2020-
8 079 be amended as shown as follows:
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23 implementation of appropriate programs, services and infrastructure. Include details
24 on assignment of responsibilities, and projected outcomes anticipated. Deliver the
25 initial Phase III report with sufficient details to proceed with programs and
26 infrastructure no later than ~~October 1, 2022~~ **March 30, 2023**.
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28 **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____, 2022.
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31 **ATTEST:**

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35 **Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council**

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

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39 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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41 /s/ Royce Buckingham (via e-mail 8/8/22) / JL
42 **Civil Deputy Prosecutor**

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

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Date Signed: _____