

PROPOSED BY: Executive  
INTRODUCTION DATE: March 5, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROJECT BASED BUDGET FOR THE UNITY STREET ACQUISITION PROJECT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County needs additional office space due to expansion of the Courts to accommodate water rights adjudications and general expansion; and,

**WHEREAS** the County has identified a suitable space in the Unity Street building and parking; and,

**WHEREAS**, costs would include building acquisition and various tenant improvements conducted by the Facilities Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Capital Facilities Reserve Fund was established by Ordinance No. 2022-086 to address ongoing need for improvements to existing facilities as well as need for new facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition and improvements will be funded by a \$5,250,000 transfer from the Capital Facilities Reserve Fund; 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 immediately, titled Unity Street Acquisition Project Fund. This fund shall be used to account for the revenues and expenditures of the acquisition and improvements described above.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County council that the Unity Street Acquisition Project Fund is approved with an initial project budget of \$5,250,000 as described in Exhibit A.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

ATTEST:

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Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email/C Quinn/A Tan

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

( ) Approved      ( ) Denied

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_