




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Bennett Knox, Director 

**RE:** Lease Agreement between Whatcom County and Ferndale Youth Sports

**DATE:** June 12, 2025

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Enclosed is a Lease Agreement and associated Contract Information Sheet with Ferndale Youth Sports. Please review the agreement and sign (via DocuSign) and return to my office.

### Background and Purpose

In November 1993, the County entered into a lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Whatcom County for development of baseball fields located at 5238 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA. In approximately 2018, the fields became dormant. Following a multi-year period of disuse, with the mutual agreement of the Boys and Girls Club, the County exercised its right to void the existing lease agreement on April 21, 2025.

The Department seeks to enter into a lease agreement with Ferndale Youth Sports to return these fields to use for youth baseball and softball for benefit of the community.

The attached 25-year lease serves this purpose. The lease agreement establishes that Ferndale Youth Sports shall be solely responsible for maintenance of the Leased Premises. FYS agrees that the County shall not have responsibility for maintenance of any kind. FYS shall, at its own cost and expense, maintain the Leased Premises in good condition and repair. The lease term provides FYS with a period of sufficient tenure necessary to support their efforts to secure grants and other forms of financial support

### Funding Amount and Source

Nominal rent in the amount of \$1 per year will be charged for the lease premises. The additional consideration received by the County is the use of the leased premises, which fulfills a public need and purpose

### Differences from Previous Contract

This is a new contract.

Please contact me, at extension 5855, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.