

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-\_\_\_\_\_

AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE  
CHAPTER 6.04, ANIMAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, Chapter 6.04 of the Whatcom County Code provides regulations within the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County and specific controls within designated urban areas of Whatcom County to control animal conduct; and

WHEREAS, it is further the purpose of Chapter 6.04 of the Whatcom County Code to provide the means for animal control, care, and licensing within the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to designate animal care and control agencies as defined under RCW 16.52.011 to enforce the provisions of Whatcom County Code Chapter 6.04; and

WHEREAS, that Section 6.04.031 of the Code should reflect the County's authority to designate a humane society or other animal control authority to administer and enforce this Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.04.020 should also be amended to include definitions of "animal control authority" and "animal control officers" for purposes of this Chapter; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County Council through these amendments to clarify definitions and provisions in this title related to the administration and enforcement of Whatcom County Code 6.04 within the unincorporated areas of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Sections 6.04.020 and 6.04.031 of the Whatcom County Code be amended as indicated in Exhibit A to this ordinance.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

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Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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Jack Louws, County Executive