

ORDINANCE 2024- _____

**CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSIONERS AT THE
NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Charter (Charter) Section 8.11 calls for the election of a Charter Review Commission to review the Charter in its entirety at least every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Charter was last reviewed by a Charter Review Commission in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Charter states that the Commission shall consist of 15 persons, with an equal number from each Council District; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no filing fee nor shall there be a primary election for persons seeking the office of Charter Review Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the term of office shall be one year and the member of the Commission receiving the greatest number of votes shall convene the Commission at a time and location to be determined; and

WHEREAS, the formation and operation of the Charter Review Commission shall be in conformance with the provisions of Article 8 of the Whatcom Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, in order to seek the election of a Charter Review Commission in November 2024 the County Council shall submit a signed copy of this ordinance to the Whatcom County Auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that an election of Charter Review Commissioners is hereby ordered for November 2024.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that registered voters who wish to represent their district on the Charter Review Commission must file a declaration of candidacy with the Whatcom County Auditor’s Office during filing week, May 6 – 10, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of the Council shall budget for anticipated operating costs and provide staffing for the 2025 term of the Charter Review Commission.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Whatcom County Auditor immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST: WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED as to form:

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive