



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution to sell county tax title property by negotiation

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Per RCW 36.35.150(1)(a) and Whatcom County Code 1.10.340, the Whatcom County Property Management Committee has recommended sale of the following tax title property by private negotiation to a governmental agency for a public purpose, for an amount not less than \$1000.00.

Tax parcel number 380236 355201 0000 / PID 53682; BELLINGHAM BAY LAND CO'S 2ND ADD TO BELLINGHAM - ELY 16 FT OF THAT PTN OF BLK 115 LY WLY OF RR.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/25/2025	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 6 Buchanan, Byrd, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 0	
		Temp Absent: 1 Donovan	
04/15/2025	Council	APPROVED	
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 0	

Attachments: Proposed Resolution, Parcel Information, Notice of Hearing after 3.25.2025, Notice of Hearing 2 after 3.25.2025

PROPOSED BY: Treasurer
INTRODUCTION DATE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-015

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY NEGOTIATION

1 WHEREAS, RCW 36.35.120 allows the County to sell real estate acquired by tax
2 foreclosure where it is found to be in the best interest of Whatcom County to sell the same;
3 and,
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5 WHEREAS, the County has owned tax title parcel # 380236 355201 0000 (herein
6 "Property"), further described below, since December 18, 1996 and,
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8 WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Property Management Committee recommends that
9 the resolution be passed to effectively meet the legal requirement for the disposal of the
10 Property; and,
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12 WHEREAS, RCW 36.35.120 requires the Council to establish the minimum price for
13 said unit of property and to determine whether or not a contract will be allowed, or if it will be a
14 cash price; and,
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16 WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Property Management Committee recommends the
17 Property be sold by private negotiation to a governmental agency for a public purpose, per
18 RCW 36.35.150(1)(a) and Whatcom County Code 1.10.340, for an amount not less than
19 \$1000.00; and,
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21 WHEREAS, the principal taxes, interest, and penalty, total \$887.27 and,
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23 WHEREAS, Resolution 95-005 designated the Whatcom County Treasurer as
24 negotiator in such sales; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Code as well as the state law allows the County to
27 reserve from the sale coal, oil, gas, gravel, mineral, ores, fossils, timber or other resources if
28 the Council finds that it is in the best interest to reserve these;
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30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the best interest of the County to
31 sell the Property described herein for a price to be negotiated by the Whatcom County
32 Treasurer in an amount not less than \$1000.00:
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34 Parcel # 380236 355201 0000 / PID 53682
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37 OF BLK 115 LY WLY OF RR
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said price shall not be allowed under contract and
40 shall be paid in either cash, certified check, or money order to the Whatcom County Treasurer
41 at the time of sale; and,
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Property shall be sold subject to restrictive
44 covenants allowing for imposition of Community Association fees, if any, as set forth in
45 Whatcom County Resolution No. 88-37; and,

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this sale transfer to the owners all coal, oil, gas,
47 gravel, minerals, ores, fossils, timber or other resources on or in said land and the right to mine
48 for and remove the same in conformity with zoning regulations in force and effect; and,
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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Treasurer is hereby authorized
51 and directed to sell such property at not less than a certified price and said sale shall take place
52 in accordance with the duties as established in RCW 36.35.120.
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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council, that a public hearing on
55 the matter of the sale of said property, under said terms, be held on the 15th day of
56 April, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at Whatcom County Council Chambers,
57 Whatcom County, Washington; and,
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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Whatcom County Council shall give
60 notice of such hearing in the manner prescribed by law under RCW 36.34.030.
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63 APPROVED this 15th day of April, 2025.
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66 ATTEST

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70 Cathy Halka, Council Clerk
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72 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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75 /s/ approved via email by Christopher Quinn/LB
76 Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Kaylee Galloway, Chair