

PROPOSED BY: County Executive  
INTRODUCTION DATE: November 6, 2024

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2025**  
**WHATCOM COUNTY UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE**

**WHEREAS**, the County Council has approved a budget for the 2025-2026 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures on November 19, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council held a public hearing regarding the county biennial budget which included property tax rates, and other revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, the unified fee schedule contains fees set by Whatcom County to generate funding for services included in the 2025-2026 budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule is hereby adopted as of January 1, 2025, as detailed in Appendix A, Unified Fee Schedule, Appendix B, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Building Services Division 2025/2026 Unified Fee Schedule Policy and Addenda A – D, and Appendix C Whatcom County Public Works Unified Fee Schedule Addenda.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that department directors may propose to the County Executive a reasonable charge or fee for providing services, privileges or products if the charge is not listed in the adopted Unified Fee Schedule. The fee may include the cost for the use (by any person) of any departmental equipment necessary to provide the service, privilege or product. Fees shall not exceed the amount necessary to reimburse the department for its actual cost incidental to such service, privilege or product. During the year, upon a showing of sufficient justification, the County Executive may add new fees or adjust fees set by the Unified Fee Schedule by way of Executive Order. If the fee is an ongoing standard charge, it shall be included in the next biennially proposed unified fee schedule ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that these fees shall remain in effect until amended, rescinded or superseded.

**BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED** that, if any portion of this ordinance is found to be unlawful, all remaining portions shall remain in effect.

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

ATTEST: WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Chair

APPROVED as to form:

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Approved by email/B Waldron/10/28/24  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

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