

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AMENDING THE WHATCOM COUNTY 2020 BUDGET,
REQUEST NO. ____ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000**

(EMERGENCY ORDINANCE)

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 budget was adopted November 20, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, changing circumstances require modifications to the approved 2019-2020 budget; and,

WHEREAS, the County Executive has issued a Proclamation of Emergency to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the virus presents a continuing threat to the health and safety of the citizens of Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, the County, the City of Bellingham and the Port of Bellingham have an established Regional Economic Partnership (REP) agreement where the Port serves as the state-designated Associate Development Organization (ADO) responsible for promoting and encouraging economic growth within Whatcom County, and

WHEREAS, the modifications to the budget have been assembled here for deliberation by the Whatcom County Council,

FINDINGS: The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant harm to our local economy which in turn has led to substantial unemployment within Whatcom County. The County needs to immediately seek ways to provide employers with the confidence they need to reopen their businesses and reemploy the workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, the Whatcom County Council requests that an emergency allocation of \$50,000 from the Whatcom County Public Utilities Improvement Fund (EDI Fund) be transferred to ADO to support the efforts outlined in this Ordinance, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 2019-2020 Whatcom County Budget Ordinance #2018-064 is hereby amended by adding the following additional amounts to the 2020 budget included therein

Fund	Expenditures	Revenues	Net Effect
Whatcom County Public Utilities Improvement Fund (EDI Fund)	\$50,000	_____	\$50,000
Total Supplemental	\$50,000	_____	\$50,000

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

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Date Signed: _____