



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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### **TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Ordinance adopting Zoning Code amendments relating to density, lot size, setbacks, public water and sewer, and reasonable measures for the Birch Bay UGA

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

Ordinance adopting Whatcom County Zoning Code amendments to the text of the Urban Residential District (WCC 20.20), Urban Residential Medium Density District (WCC 20.22), Urban Residential Mixed District (WCC 20.24), General Commercial District (WCC 20.62), Resort Commercial District (WCC 20.64), Supplementary Requirements (WCC 20.80), and Definitions (WCC 20.97). The text amendments include (in certain specified zoning districts) allowing smaller minimum lot sizes, requiring minimum net densities, requiring public water and sewer, and reducing setbacks. The proposed amendments also define “minimum net density.” The proposed amendments constitute “reasonable measures” for the Birch Bay Urban Growth Area under the Buildable Lands Program, but also apply to other areas of the County.

### **HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
06/06/2023	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
06/20/2023	Council	ADOPTED	

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Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

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**Attachments:** Staff Memo, Draft Ordinance, Planning Commission Findings