

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**REPLACING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE SECTION 1.14, ELECTORAL PRECINCTS, WITH
NEWLY ESTABLISHED VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR WHATCOM COUNTY**

WHEREAS, we have been notified that precinct boundary line adjustments in Whatcom County Code Section 1.14 are needed due to annexations in the cities of Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, and Nooksack; and

WHEREAS, precinct 403 is a new precinct in the City of Everson; and

WHEREAS, precinct 702 is a new precinct in the City of Nooksack; and

WHEREAS, the following precincts have external boundary changes: 108, 114, 129, 303, 501, and 701; and

WHEREAS, the following surrounding individual precinct pages have been replaced to reflect changes displayed in the outlying areas: 113, 115, 122, 128, 150, 151, 306, and 402; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.16.050(1) requires every voting precinct must be wholly within a single congressional district, a single legislative district and a single district of the county legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.16.040(2) limits precinct size to 1,500 registered voters; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.16.040 provides the county legislative authority shall divide the county into precincts and establish boundaries for the precincts; and this statute further provides that no precinct boundary changes may be made starting fourteen (14) days prior to the first day candidates may file for the primary election through the period ending with the general election; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.16.070 provides the County Auditor shall transfer and notify any registered voters that may be affected by the change in boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the change to the "Book of Election Precinct Maps," creating Precinct 403 and 702, and affecting Precinct 108, 113, 114, 115, 122, 128, 129, 150, 151, 303, 306, 402, 501, 701 shall be adopted and substituted into the "Book of Election Precinct Maps;" said revised Book of Maps is available through the Whatcom County Council Office and online through the Election page at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office homepage.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY,
WASHINGTON**

Dana Brown-Davis, County Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

() Approved () Denied

/s/ Royce Buckingham/via email/LB

Royce Buckingham, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: _____