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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code to restructure the Public Health Advisory Board

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

The Public Health Advisory Board adopted new bylaws to comply with new state legislation per RCW 70.46.140. The proposed amended ordinance changes Whatcom County Code 24.01.051 to align with the bylaw changes.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/13/2022	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Committee of the Whole
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	
		Absent: 0	
09/27/2022	Council Committee of the Whole	SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 5 Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 2 Byrd, and Elenbaas	
		Absent: 0	
09/27/2022	Council	SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED	
		Aye: 5 Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 2 Byrd, and Elenbaas	

Absent: 0

Attachments: Staff Memo, Original Proposed Ordinance, Amended Ordinance for 9.27.22 - Strike, Amended Ordinance for 9.27.22 - Clean, Notice of Action Proposed on 9.13.2022.pdf

1 PROPOSED BY: HEALTH DEPARTMENT
2 INTRODUCTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

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5 **ORDINANCE NO.** 2022-064

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7 **AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TO RESTRUCTURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH**
8 **ADVISORY BOARD**

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10 **WHEREAS**, in 2021, the Washington State Legislature passed House Bill 1152
11 establishing new requirements for community health advisory boards (in Whatcom County
12 referred to as the Public Health Advisory Board or PHAB); and

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14 **WHEREAS**, PHAB met on July 7, 2022 and approved new bylaws that meet the
15 requirements of House Bill 1152; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, draft revisions to WCC 24.01.051 were written that both reflect the new
18 PHAB bylaws and meet the requirements of House Bill 1152.

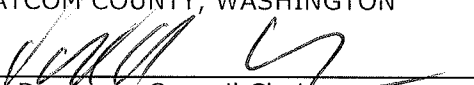
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that WCC
21 24.01.051 is hereby amended as outlined in Exhibit A to this ordinance per RCW 70.46.140.

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23 **ADOPTED** this 13th day of September, 2022.

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30 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Todd Donovan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Royce Buckingham via e-mail 9/21/22 / JL

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Approved () Denied

Date Signed: 9-29-22

1 **EXHIBIT A**

2 **24.01.051 Health department advisory board created.**

3 A. The county health department advisory board, referred to in this chapter as the "public health advisory
4 board," is created and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the health board and the health department
5 director in the following areas:

6 ~~1. Recommend public health policies~~ Provide input to the local board of health in the recruitment and selection of
7 an administrative officer, pursuant to RCW 70.05.045, and local health officer, pursuant to RCW 70.05.050;

8 ~~2. Recommend public health priorities~~ Use a health equity framework to conduct, assess, and identify the
9 community health needs of the jurisdiction, and review and recommend public health policies and priorities for the local
10 health jurisdiction and advisory board to address community health needs;

11 ~~3. Provide community forums/hearings as assigned by the health board~~ Evaluate the impact of proposed
12 public health policies and programs, and assure identified health needs and concerns are being met;

13 ~~4. Establish community task forces as assigned by the health board~~ Promote public participation in and
14 identification of local public health needs;

15 ~~5. Review and make recommendations for annual budget and fees~~ Provide community forums and
16 hearings as assigned by the local board of health;

17 ~~6. Present annual report to the health board.~~ Establish community task forces as assigned by the local board of
18 health;

19 ~~7. Review and make recommendations to the local health jurisdiction and local board of health for an annual budget and~~
20 fees; and

21 ~~8. Review and advise on local health jurisdiction progress in achieving performance measures and outcomes to ensure~~
22 continuous quality improvement and accountability.

23 B. The public health advisory board shall consist of ~~at least nine and not more than 13~~ to 21 members who
24 are residents of the county.

25 1. Members shall be appointed by the local board of health. A local health officer and a member of
26 the local board of health shall serve as ex officio members of the board. The County Council will
27 appoint the ex officio member of the Health Board that will serve on PHAB, executive, subject to

1 confirmation by a majority of the county council, except that one member of the health board shall
2 be appointed by the county council.

3 2. The term of office for the members appointed by the executive shall be three years, except, that
4 four terms shall remain staggered. Advisory board members shall serve for staggered three-year terms. This does
5 not preclude any member from being reappointed. Terms will be in accordance with WCC 2.03.030 unless
6 no one else applies.

7 3. The term of office for the member appointed by the county council shall be for one year, from the
8 time of the council's reorganization meeting in January to the next such meeting the following year.

9 4. The public health advisory board shall be broadly representative of the character of the county.
10 Board diversity is valued. Membership preference shall be given to tribal, racial, ethnic, and other
11 minorities. The advisory board shall consist of a balance of persons with expertise, career
12 experience, and consumer experience in areas impacting public health and with populations served
13 by the health department. ~~The public health advisory board's composition shall include at least one~~
14 ~~member in each of the following areas of expertise/experience.~~ The board's composition shall
15 include:

16 a. Members with expertise in and experience with:

- 17 * a. Health care access and quality; ~~(health care system, mental health, substance~~
18 ~~abuse, physician or other health care provider, health insurance).~~
- 19 * b. Physical environment ~~(built environment: transportation, parks; natural~~
20 ~~environment: air, water, food); including built and natural environments;~~
- 21 * c. Social and economic ~~(housing, basic needs, education, employment) sectors,~~
22 including housing, basic needs, education, and employment;
- 23 * d. Business and philanthropy; ~~(large/small business, charitable foundations).~~
- 24 * e. Communities that experience health inequities; ~~(tribal, Hispanic, immigrant, people~~
25 ~~with disabilities or special health needs, seniors).~~
- 26 * f. Government; ~~(city of Bellingham, small city/rural).~~
- 27 * g. Tribal community member/tribal government representation ~~communities and tribal~~
28 government;
- 29 * h. Community member with lived experience in any of the areas listed above.

30 b. Consumers of public health services;

1 c. Community members with lived experience in any of the areas listed in (a) of this subsection;
2 and

3 d. Community stakeholders, including nonprofit organizations, the business community, and
4 those regulated by public health.

5 5. The local health jurisdiction and local board of health must actively recruit advisory board
6 members in a manner that solicits broad diversity to assure representation from marginalized
7 communities including tribal, racial, ethnic, and other minorities.

8 C. At its initial meeting, or as soon thereafter as practical, the public health advisory board may elect
9 officers, adopt bylaws and such rules and regulations of procedure as are necessary for the conduct of its
10 business. Meetings of the public health advisory board shall be subject to the Open Public Meetings Act,
11 Chapter 42.30 RCW et seq. (Ord. 2019-040 Exh. A; Ord. 2004-004; Ord. 99-025; Ord. 93-024; Ord. 91-
12 040 (part)).

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