

PROPOSED BY: EXECUTIVE
INTRODUCED: AUGUST 11, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. _____

CLOSING THE 23-HOUR CRISIS RELIEF CENTER FUND

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2024, Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-010 establishing the 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center fund and an initial project-based budget for pre-development of the 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center; and

WHEREAS, the initial project budget was funded through local Behavioral Health funds while the County anticipated execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, since establishment of the fund, the County has completed significant planning, development, and implementation activities related to the 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center project, including a wetland delineation, wetland mitigation exploration and research, and site existing conditions survey; and

WHEREAS, the 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center project objectives have been merged with the Justice Project objectives and the new Behavioral Care Center element of the project; and

WHEREAS, funds will be maintained and accounted for within the Justice Project fund; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that maintaining a separate project fund for the 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center is no longer necessary and the fund should be dissolved; and

WHEREAS, the current cash balance in the fund is estimated to be approximately \$1,961,013; and

WHEREAS, the remaining cash in the fund should be returned to the Behavioral Health fund (1853) in the amount of \$1,000,000 and the Opioid Settlement fund (1859) in the amount of \$961,013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Whatcom County Council that the 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center fund (3851) is hereby dissolved, and all remaining cash balances shall be transferred to the Behavioral Health fund and Opioid Settlement fund.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2026

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kirsten Smith, Clerk of the Council

Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

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Date Signed: _____