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Public Notice

ACTION TAKEN

The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its October 11, 2022 meeting: **ORDINANCE (2022-065) ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 2.107 TO THE WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TO CREATE A WHATCOM RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION (AB2022-521)** This ordinance creates a new chapter in the Whatcom County Code, establishing the Whatcom Racial Equity Commission. Ordinance introduced September 27, 2022.

AB2022-521

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on October 25, 2022, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE APPROVING A SYSTEM OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT (AB2022-529)** The Whatcom County Council has received a proposal from the Whatcom Conservation District to establish a system of rates and charges to fund District activities and programs as authorized by chapter 89.08 RCW.

The District's proposal states that revenue collected from the rates and charges will allow the District to: exercise its authority, including the continued protection of the public health, safety and welfare and protection and conservation of natural resources throughout Whatcom County; obtain grant funding and support local conservation programs; address water quality and conservation programs related to endangered salmon species; provide for other natural resource protection requirements and needs, such as the protection and conservation of farm land.

If approved, the proposed system of rates and charges pursuant to RCW 89.08.405 will apply to all properties located in unincorporated and incorporated Whatcom County (with limited exception - please see RCW 89.08.405 for detailed information on rates and charges) for a period of ten years, beginning collection in January 2023 through 2032, as follows: residential - \$5 per parcel; commercial - \$4.99 per parcel; open space - \$5 per parcel; institutional/public - \$5 per parcel; agriculture - \$5 per parcel; designated forest land - \$2.99 per owner; vacant/undeveloped - \$5 per parcel. Ordinance introduced September 27, 2022.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WHATCOM COUNTY 2023 ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (AB2022-555) This resolution adopts the 2023 Annual Construction Program (ACP) as required by RCW 36.81.130. Adoption of this program is an element of the County budget process. Resolution introduced October 11, 2022. **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023-2028 SIX-YEAR WATER RESOURCES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (WRIP) BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) (AB2022-545)** This resolution adopts Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program (WRIP), which is updated each year in accordance with RCW 86.15.110, for 2023-2028. Resolution introduced October 11, 2022.

ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on October 25, 2022, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 2.21.030 TO INCREASE THE PER DIEM AMOUNT PAID TO BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEMBERS (AB2022-536)** This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 2.21.030, Compensation for Meeting Attendance, to increase the per diem amount paid to Board of Equalization Members to \$150 as authorized by RCW 84.48.010. Ordinance introduced October 11, 2022. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 14, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$420,917 (AB2022-554)** This ordinance amends the 2022 Whatcom County Budget as follows: From the General Fund: appropriate \$96,708 in Non Departmental to fund Medical Examiner cost increases; appropriate \$133,000 in Non Departmental to fund Opportunity Council CDBG Public Services program from grant proceeds. From the Election Reserve Fund: appropriate \$111,000 to fund cost increases in election services, partially reimbursed by billings to other municipalities. From the Real Estate Excise Tax 1 Fund: re-appropriate \$80,209 to fund the Whatcom Unified Emergency Coordination Center roof project. Ordinance introduced October 11, 2022.

Public documents are available for review weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, and at www.whatcomcounty.us/council. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, documents and archives at whatcom.legistar.com. The Council is currently holding hybrid meetings, which can be attended either in person or remotely. Full Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced) in the Council Chambers at 311 Grand Avenue. Instructions for remote participation can be found at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtuallcouncil or by contacting the Council Office at 360-778-5010. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs who will be attending Council meetings are asked to contact the Council Office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.

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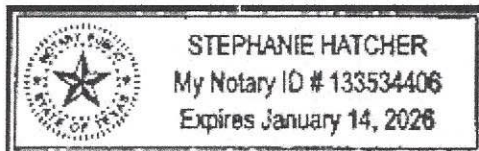
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(Principal Clerk)

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Stephanie Hatcher

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