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County Executive

TO: Members of the Whatcom County Council
FROM: Tawni Helms, Administrative Coordinator
Through: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive and Christopher Quinn, Deputy Prosecutor
RE: Amending Whatcom County Code Section 6.04, Animal Control
Date: February 27, 2019

Requested Action:

Consider and approve proposed amendments to Whatcom County Code (WCC) 6.04 Animal Control that provides regulations within the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County and specific controls within designated urban areas of Whatcom County to control animal conduct.

The new, corrected ordinance which includes the same Exhibits reflecting changes to WCC 6.04.020 Definitions and WCC 6.04.031 Administration and Enforcement as presented February 26, is now being re-introduced for Council action on March 26.

Background and Purpose:

The purpose of the proposed amendments to WCC 6.04 is the following:

- A) To more clearly identify the entities (including a humane society) that may be authorized and obligated to administer and enforce provisions of the WCC related to animal control;
- B) To update the definitions to include humane societies, and other animal care/control agencies as animal control authorities;
- C) To define the animal control officer for purposes of the Code.

These proposed changes clarify the designation of animal care and control services in the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County.

Please contact Tyler Schroeder at extension 5207 or Christopher Quinn at 5729 for questions or concerns regarding this amendment.