



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Whatcom County Council

**FROM:** Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive

**RE:** Contract for legal representation with Cascadia Law Group PLLC

**DATE:** March 12, 2019

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Enclosed are two (2) originals of a contract between Cascadia Law Group PLLC and Whatcom County for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

As requested by the County Council resolution from January 29th, this new contract is to allow for Cascadia Law Group to develop Comprehensive Plan amendments and County code language pertaining to the Cherry Point Urban Growth Area. This work is to be consistent with County Council Resolution 2019-004 and will be provided to Council to ensure it is consistent with Council's intended policy on this subject. This version can then be processed in a manner consistent with our applicable public review and decision-making protocols. This new scope will provide the public review opportunities necessary to provide the community with a better understanding of the legal and policy framework that the County Council is interested in pursuing.

**Funding Amount and Source**

\$40,000 from the General Fund will be used through existing County Council budget authority.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This contract will finalize the Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Code Language. The contract includes coordination with PDS and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to provide input or guidance to the contractor as it relates to code consistency or local interpretation, as appropriate. PDS staff will then be available to facilitate the public review process once Council has forwarded the draft version to the Planning Commission.

Please contact Tyler Schroeder at extension 5207, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.