

ORDINANCE NO. _____
**AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TO RESTRUCTURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS: The Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) was established by ordinance in 1993 to advise the Health Board and the department on matters related to community needs and public health services; and

WHEREAS: The needs of the community and the services provided by the Health Department have changed over the years; and

WHEREAS: The Health Board and the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) explored the current role of the PHAB at a joint meeting on July 17, 2018; and

WHEREAS: As a result of the July 2018 joint meeting the Health Board directed the PHAB and staff to propose changes to Whatcom County Code (WCC) 24.01.051 to better reflect the current advisory needs of the health department and Health Board; and

WHEREAS: The PHAB met on November 1, 2018, and February 7, 2019, to discuss necessary revisions to WCC 24.01.051; and

WHEREAS: The PHAB determined that it would be beneficial to revise WCC 24.01.051 to include a focus on increased board diversity, reconfigure community segment representation, increase the number of positions on the board, reduce term length, clarify term limits, and update language and structure to reflect current practices and language; and

WHEREAS: These proposed changes to WCC 24.01.051 provide for greater flexibility in board membership and better describe the expertise now required for advising the department and the Health Board; and

WHEREAS: The Health Board discussed the draft revisions to WCC 24.01.051 at the April 2, 2019 Health Board meeting and directed that an ordinance be prepared amending WCC 24.01.051.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Health Board WCC 24.01.051 be amended as described in Attachment A.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 20____.

ATTEST:

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY HEALTH BOARD
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Rud Browne, Health Board Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Jack Louws, County Executive
() Approved () Denied

Date Signed: _____