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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code to restructure the Public Health Advisory Board

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

The proposed ordinance adopts amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 24.01.051, Health Department Advisory Board Created, including:

- a focus on increased board diversity
- reconfiguring community segment representation
- increasing the number of positions on the board
- reducing term length and clarifying term limits
- updating language and structure to reflect current practices and language

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
05/07/2019	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
05/21/2019	Council	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	

Attachments: Ord. Amending WCC 24.01.051 PHAB, Exhibit A Clean Version, Exhibit A Markup Version, Notice of Hearing 5.21.19

Final Action: 05/21/2019
Enactment Date: 05/21/2019
Enactment #: ORD 2019-040

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-040

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 15th day of May, 2019.

ATTEST:


Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Civil Deputy Prosecutor


WHATCOM COUNTY HEALTH BOARD
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Rud Browne, Health Board Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Jack Louws, County Executive

(X) Approved () Denied

Date Signed: June 3, 2019

Exhibit A

24.01.051 Health department advisory board created.

A. The county health department advisory board, referred to in this chapter as the "public health advisory board," is created and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the ~~board of health~~Health Board and the health department director in the following areas:

- ~~1. Advisory capacity to the board of health;~~
- ~~2. Advisory capacity to the health department director;~~
- ~~3. Recommend public health and program policies;~~
2. Recommend public health priorities;
- ~~4. Provide community forums/hearings as assigned by the board of health~~Health Board;
- ~~6. Establish community task forces as assigned by the board of health~~Health Board;
5. Review and make recommendations for annual budget and fees;
- ~~6. Establish community task forces as assigned by the board of health;~~
- ~~7. Present annual report to the board of health~~Health Board.

~~B. 1.~~ The public health advisory board shall consist of at least nine and not more than thirteen ~~nine~~ members who are residents of the county.

- ~~1. Eight m~~Members shall be appointed by the executive, subject to confirmation by a majority of the county council, ~~and except that one member shall be~~ of the board of healthHealth Board shall be appointed by the county council.
- ~~2. The term of office for the members appointed by the executive shall be four~~three years; except, that four terms shall remain staggered. Terms will be in accordance with WCC 2.03.030 a member may be appointed to serve up to two consecutive full terms, regardless of whether that member has served a first term of less than a full term. No board, commission or committee member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms; however, after serving two consecutive full terms a member may become eligible for reappointment to a board, commission or committee after a one-year period of separation from the respective board, commission or committee on which he or she has previously served, unless no one else applies.
- ~~3. The term of office for the member appointed by the county council shall be for one year, from the time of the council's reorganization meeting in January to the next such meeting the following year.~~
- ~~4. The public health advisory board shall be broadly representative of the demographic character of the county. Board diversity is valued. Membership preference shall be given to tribal, racial, ethnic, and other minorities. The board shall and consist of a balance of persons who are representative of consumers and professionals with expertise, career experience, and consumer experience in the various areas impacting public health programs and with populations underserved by the health~~

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~~department, its jurisdiction, including administration/fiscal, nursing, and environmental health. However, the public health advisory board's composition shall also be comprised of the following areas of expertise/experience: The public health advisory board's composition shall include at least one member in the each following areas withof expertise/experience in the each following areas:~~

- ~~1. One member from the board of health;~~
- ~~2. One member from natural sciences;~~
- ~~3. One physician;~~
- ~~4. One member from business/industry;~~
- ~~5. One tribal member or a representative from an ethnic minority;~~
- ~~6. One member from education;~~
- ~~7. Two members from, but not limited to, the areas of administration/fiscal, nursing, or hospital affiliation;~~
- ~~8. One citizen-at-large member.~~
 - Health Care Access and Quality (Health Care System, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Physician or other Health Care Provider, Health Insurance)
 - Physical Environment (Built Environment: Transportation, Parks; Natural Environment: Air, Water, Food)
 - Social and Economic (Housing, Basic Needs, Education, Employment)
 - Business and Philanthropy (Large/Small Business, Charitable Foundations)
 - Communities that experience health inequities (Tribal, Hispanic, Immigrant, People with Disabilities or Special Health Needs, Seniors)
 - Government (City of Bellingham, Small City/Rural)
 - Tribal Community Member/Tribal Government Representation
 - Community member with lived experience in any of the areas listed above.

C. At its initial meeting, or as soon thereafter as practical, the public health advisory board may elect officers, adopt bylaws and such rules and regulations of procedure as are necessary for the conduct of its business. Meetings of the public health advisory board shall be subject to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 42.30 RCW et seq. (Ord. 2004-004; Ord. 99-025; Ord. 93-024; Ord. 91-040 (part)).