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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, and  
The Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive

**THROUGH:** Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

**FROM:** Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *ms*

**DATE:** June 26, 2019

**RE:** Proposed ordinance entitled "Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility  
Funding Mechanism" to be added to the Whatcom County Code  
Chapter 16.30.

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At the July 9, 2019 Council Committee meeting, Public Works staff will introduce for discussion a proposed new ordinance entitled "Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Funding Mechanism" to be added to the Whatcom County Code Chapter 16.30. Public Works staff will discuss the proposed ordinance at the Natural Resources Committee meeting on July 23, 2019. A public hearing will be held and potential adoption will be scheduled for later that evening.

**Requested Action**

Public Works is requesting introduction of the proposed new ordinance at the July 9, 2019 council meeting. Public Works is requesting discussion by County Council on the proposed ordinance at the following Natural Resources Committee meeting on July 23, 2019. The proposed ordinance creates a funding mechanism for the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Service area established by the Council via Ordinance No. 2017-076 on December 5, 2017. Public Works staff worked with the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee from May 2018 through March 2019 to develop the rate structure. If adopted, the new fees will be imposed on property owners in the service area beginning in 2020. Public Works staff anticipates bringing the ordinance to the Council for adoption at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218 if you have any questions regarding this information.

Attachment