



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance adopting amendments to the Unified Fee Schedule relating to density credit fees for increasing the size of accessory dwelling units

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Ordinance adopting amendments to the Unified Fee Schedule relating to density credit fees for increasing the size of accessory dwelling units. The proposed fee is \$8 per square foot of increased size of an accessory dwelling unit.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/28/2021	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 7	Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Kershner
		Nay: 0	
		Absent: 0	
10/12/2021	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7	Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Kershner
		Nay: 0	
		Absent: 0	

Attachments: Staff Memo, Draft Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-060
AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 2020-062 ADOPTING THE 2021
WHATCOM COUNTY UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the County Council approved the 2021 Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule on November 24, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The *Whatcom County TDR/PDR Multi-Stakeholder Work Group Final Report* was issued on October 3, 2018. This report included a number of recommendations, including the following:

. . . Accessory dwelling units are currently limited to 1,248 square feet. . . The TDR/PDR Work Group recommends increasing the size limit by 500 square feet to a maximum of 1,748 square feet if density credits are purchased. It is recommended that the price should be \$8/square foot up to the 500 square foot maximum. . . (p. 34); and


WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council is considering a separate ordinance in 2021 that would allow an increase in the size of accessory dwelling units if density credit fees are paid by the applicant; and


WHEREAS, an additional density credit fee is proposed in accordance with WCC 20.91.030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the Planning and Development Services section of the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule is hereby amended as presented on Exhibit A.

ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2021

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk


Barry Buchanan, Chair

APPROVED as to form:

Approved Denied

/s/ Royce Buckingham
Civil Deputy Prosecutor


Satpal Sidhu, Executive

Date: 10/18/21

Unified Fee Schedule Amendment No. 1 – Exhibit A

<u>UFS#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2021 Rate</u>	<u>Rate Basis</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
2879	Density Credit	\$4,000	per dwelling unit	WCC 20.91.030, 22
NEW	Density Credit (ADUs)	\$8	per square foot	WCC 20.91.030, 22