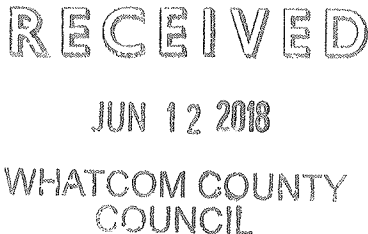


**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL**

NO. 2018-200

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	MJD	5/30/18		6/19/18	Introduction: PW Committee
Division Head:	JPR	5/31/18		7/10/18	Hearing: Council
Dept. Head:	JH	6/1/18			
Prosecutor:	CDQ	6/7/18			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	MS for	6/11/18			

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

**An Ordinance Establishing Parking Restrictions Within 10 Feet of U.S. Mailboxes on All County Roads**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Memorandum to County Executive and County Council
- Ordinance

SEPA review required? ( ) Yes ( X ) NO  
 SEPA review completed? ( ) Yes ( X ) NO

Should Clerk schedule a hearing? ( X ) Yes ( ) NO  
 Requested Date: 7/10/18

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:** (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

To comply with RCW 46.61.570, this ordinance establishes parking restrictions within 10 feet of U.S. mailboxes on all Whatcom County roads.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

6/19/2018: Introduced 6-0, Browne absent

**Related County Contract #:**

**Related File Numbers:**

**Ordinance or Resolution Number:**

**Please Note:** Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County's website at: [www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council).

**WHATCOM COUNTY  
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## MEMORANDUM

MEMO TO: The Honorable Jack Louws, County Executive, and  
Honorable Whatcom County Council Members

Through: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

FROM: Joseph P. Rutan, P.E., County Engineer/Assistant Director *JR*  
Mike Donahue, P.E., Engineering Services-Traffic Manager *MJD*

RE: **Ordinance Establishing Parking Restrictions within 10 Feet of U.S. Mailboxes on All County Roads**

DATE: May 30, 2018

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Please find attached for your review and signature the subject ordinance.

**Requested Action:**

To comply with RCW 46.61.570, this ordinance provides for parking restrictions within 10 feet of U.S. mailboxes on all Whatcom County roads.

**Background and Purpose:**

U.S. Postal Service has been unable to provide mail delivery to mailboxes that are blocked by parked vehicles. This has resulted in numerous complaints to Whatcom County Public Works as well as the Sheriff's Office by citizens who have not been able to receive their mail.

In order to satisfy requests from the community and to facilitate mail delivery, Whatcom County Public Works has developed the attached ordinance to be added to Whatcom County Code Section 10.24.24. This ordinance will establish parking restrictions within 10 feet of U.S. mailboxes except temporarily for the purpose and while engaged in the delivery or pick up of postal items.

Please contact Mike Donahue at extension 6250 with any questions regarding this ordinance.

Attachment

PROPOSED BY: Public Works - Engineering

INTRODUCTION DATE: 6/19/2018

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS WITHIN 10 FEET OF  
U.S. MAILBOXES ON ALL COUNTY ROADS**

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Council is authorized under RCW 46.61.570 to restrict parking on County roads; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Sheriff's office contacted Public Works to request assistance in defining parking that blocks mailboxes from mail delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important and necessary for people to be able to receive mail delivery to their mailbox; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellingham prohibits parking within ten (10) feet of mailboxes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that the following be added to the Whatcom County Code Section 10.24.24 as follows:

No Parking within ten (10) feet of U.S. mailboxes, except temporarily for the purpose and while engaged in the delivery or pick up of postal items.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** Whatcom County Sheriff be notified by a copy of this ordinance.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Rud Browne, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved  Denied



\_\_\_\_\_  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jack Louws, Executive

Date: \_\_\_\_\_