

WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER # 98-05

CREATION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, various financial issues arise during the course of the year that primarily affect internal County departments; and

WHEREAS, the efficient and effective operation of the County's business reasonably requires such issues be addressed without undue delay by the appropriate officials and staff; and

WHEREAS, development of financial policies and consideration of financial issues would benefit by a coordinated internal effort between various departments and the Administration; and

WHEREAS, the application of an organization-wide perspective would prove to be beneficial in addressing internal financial issues and recommending related financial policies; and

WHEREAS, the Administration is desirous of creating a Financial Management Working Group to address internal issues and recommend policy associated with the financial and business operations of the County, and

WHEREAS, the participating members of the Financial Management Working Group are many of the same individuals who are members of the Financial Management Committee established by Whatcom County Code, whose objective is to focus on external financial operations,

Now, Therefore, By virtue of the power vested in me by the Home Rule Charter for Whatcom County, I hereby order creation of an internal financial group process to be entitled the "Financial Management Working Group." The purpose of this working group is to address: 1) audit findings; 2) financial and property related issues, other than those dealt with by the Property Management Committee; 3) policies and procedures dealing with financial issues; and 4) special projects as determined by the group to be deserving of consideration. The working group shall consider and make recommendations to the Executive on financial matters and look at a countywide focus for financial planning. It shall report annually to the Financial Management Committee. Membership on the working group shall consist of department heads and/or other appropriate individuals designated by those department heads from the Executive Office, Treasurer, Auditor, Administrative Services-Finance, Public Works and any other department wishing to participate that are acceptable to the Group at the discretion of the Chair. Unless otherwise designated by this Office, the Deputy Administrator shall chair the Group. A vice chair shall be elected by the Group to serve in the absence of the chair.

DATED this 4 day of AUG., 1998.



PETE KREMEN, County Executive