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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING ON SIZE OF PROPOSED NEW WHATCOM COUNTY JAIL

BELLINGHAM, Washington, June 8, 2017 – The Whatcom County Council has scheduled a public hearing for June 13, 2017, to gather public comment on the sizing of a proposed new Whatcom County jail.

On May 30, 2017, the County Council approved Resolution 2017-034, which states that determining the size of a new jail has four basic components:

- Base capacity (how many beds are needed for inmates at any given time).
- Behavioral health and medical capacity.
- **Providing for** adequate empty beds to allow for the needed separation of inmate classifications, handling of temporary surges in occupancy, and provision of temporary housing for large arrest events.
- Deciding whether the existing Division Street work center will remain as a low-security facility.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and provide comments specifically related to the size of the proposed new jail. The Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the County Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham.

To view Resolution 2017-034, to go:

<http://documents.whatcomcounty.us/weblink8/0/doc/3934825/Page1.aspx?searchid=14bf8397-4dbc-49e6-9987-366b40b788c8>

For more information on the proposed new jail, go to:

<http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/446/New-Jail-Information>

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