

ACTION TAKEN

The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its May 23, 2023, meeting: **ORDINANCE (2023-032) AMENDING THE WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 8, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,557,297 (AB2023-324):** This ordinance amends the 2023 Whatcom County Budget as follows: From the General Fund: Appropriate \$100,000 in Non Departmental to provide additional Racial Equity Commission funding from grant proceeds, record \$22,299 Health indirect transfer-in from the Behavioral Health Fund, appropriate \$100,000 in Superior Court Administration to fund new JAVS court recorder system from grant proceeds, appropriate \$9,911 in Sheriff to fund sound suppressors from a 2022 casino donation; from the Election Reserve Fund - appropriate \$134,731 to fund elections security improvements from grant proceeds; from the Behavioral Health Program Fund - appropriate \$121,141 to fund Public Health Nurse (PHN) position in the Response Systems Division, record Behavioral Health labor pool adjustment for PHN position; from the Emergency Management Fund - appropriate \$31,514 to fund State Homeland Security grant program; from the Conservation Futures Fund - appropriate \$1,560,000 to fund Acme floodplain acquisition; from the Public Utilities Improvement Fund - appropriate \$500,000 to fund Drainage Improvement District #7 Atwood Rd. Culvert Replacement Project. This ordinance was introduced on May 9, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-033) AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF FLOODPLAIN LAND NEAR ACME, WA (AB2023-326):** This ordinance authorizes a \$780,000 no-interest cashflow loan from the General Fund to the Conservation Futures Fund for the purchase of floodplain land near Acme, WA. This ordinance was introduced on May 9, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on June 6, 2023, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 20, ZONING, TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS (AB2023-309):** This ordinance to amend Whatcom County Code Title 20 (Zoning) to define and regulate short-term rentals of residential units (a.k.a., "vacation rentals"). This ordinance was introduced on May 23, 2023.

Public documents are available for review weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, and at whatcomcounty.us/council. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, documents and archives at whatcom.legistar.com. The Council is currently holding hybrid meetings, which can be attended either in person or remotely. Full Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced) in the Council Chambers at 311 Grand Avenue. Instructions for remote participation can be found at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or by contacting the Council Office at 360-778-5010. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs who will be attending Council meetings are asked to contact the Council Office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.

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