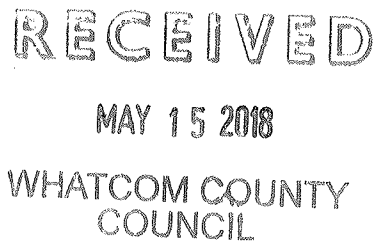


CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	twh	05.09.18		05.22.16	Introduction
Division Head:				06.05.16	Finance/Council
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	LV	05/14/18			
Purchasing/Budget:	BB	5/14/18			
Executive:	TW	5/14/18			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:
Ordinance Amending WCC 3.08. Purchasing System

ATTACHMENTS:
 Memo, Ordinance, Code Revision

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? (X) Yes () NO
SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Requested Date:

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.)

Requesting Council approval of the proposed amendment to strike section 3.08.135 Sunset Provision in Chapter 3.08 Purchasing System of the Whatcom County Code. This will allow for continued public accountability to project management and streamlined project delivery of capital projects

COMMITTEE ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number:
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Jack Louws
County Executive

TO: Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Jack Louws, County Executive *HL*

FROM: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive and Brad Bennett, Finance Manager *TS*

RE: Purchasing Policy Amendment

Date: May 9, 2018

Requested Action:

Consider and approve proposed amendment to strike section 3.08.135 Sunset Provision in Chapter 3.08 Purchasing System of the Whatcom County Code establishing administrative procedures for advertising and approving public contracts.

Background and Purpose:

Whatcom County Council and Executive share responsibility under WCC 3.08 for transparent, predictable, and efficient procurement of goods and services necessary to execute authorized County work. With new 2015 changes to the State purchasing laws and the Administration's effort to provide a more transparent and program-oriented approval process the Council approved Ordinance 2016-032 amending Chapter 3.08 Purchasing System.

The 2016 changes made to the purchasing system have helped to clarify the purchasing code which has resulted in streamlined project delivery. The corresponding online project reporting enhancements have created greater transparency and public accountability to project management. In addition, the purchasing code changes have also contributed to a more robust capital improvement budget process.

As we enter the next biennium budget process and are once again developing the capital improvement budget we request to continue the positive outcomes outlined above that are a direct result of Ordinance 2016-032. The 2019-2020 budget documents will contain a separate capital program showing specific capital expenditures for the budget cycle. This coincides with online access to all contracts and online quarterly project expenditure updates. To ensure this process continues we are proposing the removal of 3.08.135 Sunset Clause which will revert to the purchasing code language in place prior to the adoption of Ordinance 2016-032.

Please contact Tyler Schroeder at extension 5207, Brad Bennett 5325, or Jon Hutchings at extension 6205 for questions or concerns regarding this amendment.

Enc.: Proposed amendment to existing WCC Chapter 3.08- Removal of 3.08.135 Sunset Provision.

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PROPOSED BY: County Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 05/22/18

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 3.08, PURCHASING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Washington State has updated the laws governing county purchasing activities; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County has improved transparency and access to contracts and project budget reports by making them available on-line with the launch of a new public website;

WHEREAS, Whatcom County is unique in its limited purchasing thresholds allowed under Executive Authority when compared to other Washington State Charter Counties and local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, The County has achieved greater administrative efficiencies through the clarification and streamlining of purchasing processes approved in Ordinance 2016-032; and

WHEREAS, The purchasing system code changes have created greater transparency and public accountability to project management; and

WHEREAS, The County would like to maintain the purchasing code language from which streamlined project management successes have been attributed by removing Section 3.08.135 Sunset Provision from Chapter 3.08 Purchasing System;

WHEREAS, It is essential and in the best interest of Whatcom County Government and its citizens to keep work flow moving particularly during the short and busy construction season.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL,
Whatcom County Code 3.08 is amended to read in its entirety, as set forth in the attached
Exhibit A:

ADOPTED this day of , 2018.

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Rud Browne, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel L. Gibson
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Jack Louws, County Executive

Date Signed: May 15, 2018

() Approved () Denied

EXHIBIT A
Chapter 3.08
PURCHASING SYSTEM

3.08.135 Sunset provision.

The county council must renew this chapter by December 31, 2018, or the chapter will revert to the language in place on August 1, 2016. All contracts will be administered by the purchasing ordinance in place at the time the contract was signed. (Ord. 2016-032 Exh. A).

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