

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Weimer

INTRODUCTION DATE: 6/17/2008

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-026**

**AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A BIENNIAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Whatcom County voted on November 4, 1997 in favor of adding Section 6.05 regarding the adoption of a biennial budget cycle with a mid-biennium review to the Whatcom County Home Rule Charter (Article 6); and

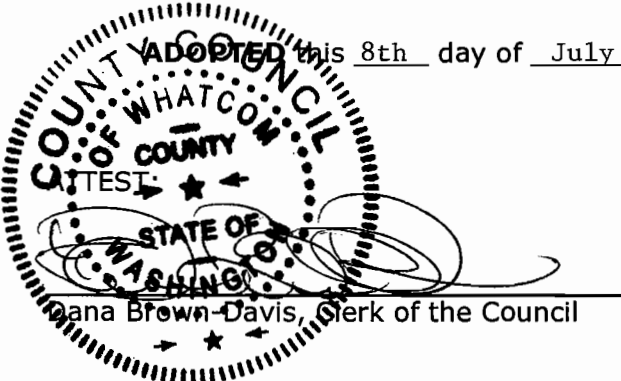
**WHEREAS**, the 1997 Session Laws, Chapter 204 authorized the biennial budgeting option for counties; and

**WHEREAS**, biennial budgeting provides an opportunity to streamline government services by providing for better long range and strategic planning, long-term program planning and development, and more efficient use of staff time in increasing budget efficiency.

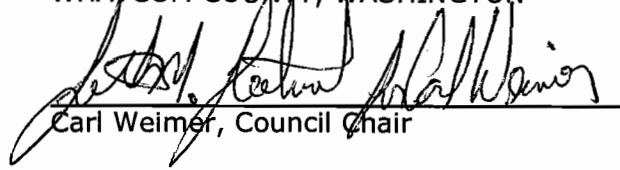
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that we, the Whatcom County Council, hereby adopt a biennial budget process with a mid-biennium review and modification.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the mid-biennium review and modification be undertaken as indicated in Exhibit A to this ordinance.

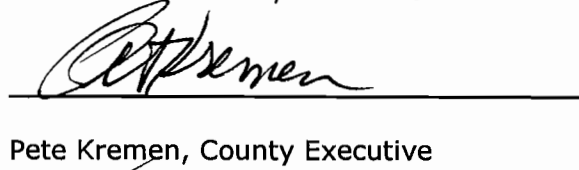
ADOPTED this 8th day of July, 2008.



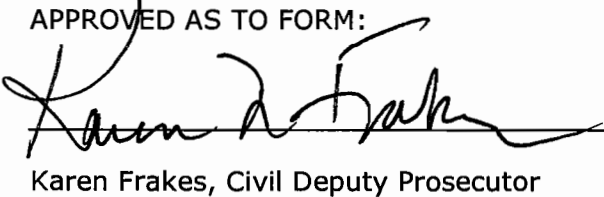
WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Carl Weimer, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Pete Kremen, County Executive

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Karen Frakes, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

(  ) Approved (  ) Denied

Date Signed: July 11, 2008

EXHIBIT A

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3 Pursuant to RCW 36.40.250 and section 6.05 of the County Charter, the County Council  
4 provides for a mid-biennial review and modification of the biennial budget. No later than  
5 the third week in October of the first year of each biennial budget, the County Executive  
6 shall prepare the review and any proposed budget modifications proposed to be effective as  
7 of the next January 1<sup>st</sup>. Such proposal shall be sent to County Councilmembers, and shall  
8 be a public record and available to the press and to any resident of the county. Council  
9 committees may consider such proposed modifications, and any other budget modifications  
10 they deem necessary, and refer them to the County Council with any recommendations. A  
11 public hearing shall be advertised at least once and shall be held at a County Council  
12 meeting in the month of November, and may be continued from time to time. At such  
13 hearing, the Council may consider a proposed ordinance to carry out such modifications.  
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