

PROPOSED BY: CLERK OF THE COUNCIL  
INTRODUCTION DATE: JUNE 28, 2016

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-025

**REPEALING AND REPLACING WHATCOM COUNTY  
CODE CHAPTER 1.12, COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

**WHEREAS**, in the November 2015 General Election the voters of Whatcom County approved an amendment to the County Charter requiring that Whatcom County be divided into five equal council districts; and

**WHEREAS**, per Whatcom County Charter Section 4.41, council district boundaries are set by an appointed districting committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2016, the County Council appointed four members (two members from each major political party) to serve on the 2016 Whatcom County Districting Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2016, the four council-appointed committee members selected a fifth member to serve as committee chair, and appointed a qualified Districting Master to draw a new districting plan for Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Districting Committee held several meetings to review council district boundaries and discuss options for producing a plan with compact districts that are geographically contiguous, contain approximately equal population (using 2010 Census data), and, to the extent feasible, consist of boundaries that coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and preserve communities of interest; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2016, the Whatcom County Districting Committee adopted a five-district districting plan for Whatcom County; and


**WHEREAS**, the newly adopted plan became effective upon filing with the Whatcom County Auditor on April 21, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, council district boundaries are defined in Whatcom County Code Chapter 1.12 and it is necessary to amend this chapter to include legal descriptions for the five new districts.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that Whatcom County Code Chapter 1.12, Council District Boundaries, is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced by Exhibit A to this ordinance.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

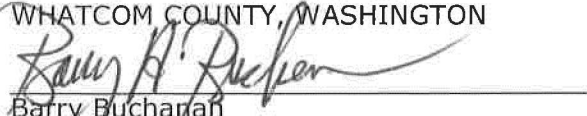
ATTEST:

  
Dana Brown-Davis  
Clerk of the Council

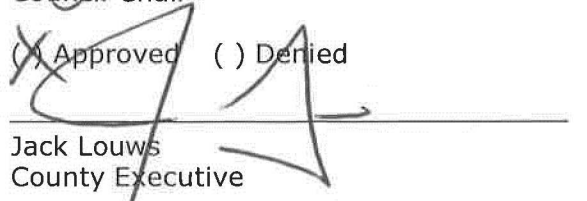
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Karen Frakes  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Barry Buchanan  
Council Chair

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Jack Louws  
County Executive

## **EXHIBIT A**

(ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING WCC 1.12, COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES)

### **COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

Sections:

1.12.010 Boundary lines.

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#### **A. DISTRICT 1 – SOUTH BELLINGHAM**

##### **District 1 shall be defined as follows:**

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Lakeway Drive and the 2016 city limits of Bellingham; Thence southerly and westerly along the city limits of Bellingham to the N/S center section line of Township 38 North, Range 3 East, Section 33; Thence southerly to the southern section line of Township 38 North, Range 3 East, Section 33; Thence easterly along said section line to the northeast corner of Township 37 North, Range 3 East, Section 4; Thence southerly along said section line to the southeast corner of said section; Thence westerly along the southern section line of Township 37 North, Range 3 East, Section 4 to the N/S center section line of Township 37 North, Range 3 East, Section 9; Thence southerly along said center section line to the city limits of Bellingham; Thence easterly, southerly, westerly, and northerly along the city limits of the city of Bellingham to the centerline of Roeder Ave; Thence northwesterly along the centerline of Roeder Avenue to the centerline of E Street; Thence northeasterly along the centerline of E Street and extended to the centerline of Jenkins Street; Thence southeasterly along the centerline of Jenkins Street to the centerline of B Street; Thence northeasterly along the centerline of B Street to the centerline of Cornwall Avenue; Thence northerly along the centerline of Cornwall Avenue to the intersection with Carolina Street; Thence easterly along the centerline of Carolina Street to the intersection of King Street; Thence northerly along the centerline of King Street to the centerline of Texas Street; Thence easterly along the centerline of Texas Street to the centerline of the northbound lane of Interstate 5; Thence southerly along the centerline of northbound lane of Interstate 5 to its intersection with the centerline of Fraser Street; Thence easterly along the centerline of Fraser Street to the centerline of Woburn Street; Thence northerly along the centerline of Woburn Street to center of Whatcom Creek; Thence easterly and northerly along the centerline of Whatcom Creek to the intersection with Silver Beach Street; Thence southerly and westerly along the centerline of Silver Beach Road to the centerline of Lakeway Drive; Thence easterly along the centerline of Lakeway Drive to the point of beginning.

#### **B. DISTRICT 2 – NORTH BELLINGHAM**

##### **District 2 shall be defined as follows:**

Beginning at the intersection of Guide Meridian Road and Horton Road and the 2016 city limits of Bellingham Township 38 North, Range 3 East, Section 6; Thence easterly, southerly, and westerly along the city limits of Bellingham to the intersection with Lakeway Drive; Thence westerly along the centerline of Lakeway Drive to the centerline of Silver Beach Road; Thence northerly along the centerline of Silver Beach Road to the intersection with the centerline of Whatcom Creek; Thence westerly along Whatcom Creek to the intersection with Woburn Street; Thence southerly along the centerline of Woburn Street to the centerline of Fraser Street; Thence westerly along the centerline of Fraser Street to

the intersection of the centerline of the northbound lane of Interstate 5; Thence northerly along the centerline of the northbound lane of Interstate 5 to the intersection of Texas Street; Thence westerly along the centerline of Texas Street to the intersection with King Street; Thence southerly along the centerline of King Street to the centerline of Carolina Street; Thence westerly along the centerline of Carolina Street to the intersection of Cornwall Avenue; Thence southerly along the centerline of Cornwall Avenue to the intersection of B Street; Thence southwesterly along the centerline of B Street to the centerline of Jenkins Street; Thence northwesterly along the centerline of Jenkins Street to the centerline of E Street; Thence southwesterly along the centerline of E Street extended to the centerline of Roeder Ave; Thence southeasterly along the centerline of Roeder Avenue to Whatcom Creek; Thence southwesterly to the shoreline of Bellingham Bay; Thence northwesterly along the shoreline of Bellingham Bay to a point 1,600 feet west of the C.F Roberts Donation Land Claim; Thence northerly along said line to the centerline of BNRR line; Thence northwesterly along said centerline to a point 660 feet east of the centerline of Wynn Road; Thence northerly 620 feet; Thence easterly 2,000 feet; Thence southerly 1,525 feet; Thence southeasterly, parallel and 260 feet northeasterly to Marine Drive to the centerline of Alderwood Avenue; Thence northerly and easterly along the centerline of Alderwood Avenue to the centerline of Hollywood Avenue; Thence northerly along the centerline of Hollywood Avenue to the centerline of McLeod Road; Thence easterly along the centerline of McLeod Road to the city limits of Bellingham; Thence northerly, easterly, and northerly along the city limits of Bellingham to the centerline of Bakerview Road; Thence easterly along the centerline of Bakerview Road to the intersection with Guide Meridian; Thence northerly along the centerline of Guide Meridian to the point of beginning.

### **C. DISTRICT 3 – FOOTHILLS**

#### **District 3 shall be defined as follows:**

Beginning at the intersection of the eastern 2016 city limits of Sumas with the Forty-Ninth parallel, Township 41 North, Range 4 East, Section 35; Thence easterly, southerly, westerly and northerly along the boundary of Whatcom County to the southern city limits of the city of Bellingham, approximately the center of Township 37 North, Range 2 East, Section 13; Thence easterly and northerly along the city limits of Bellingham to the intersection with the centerline of Samish Way; Thence northwesterly along the centerline of Samish Way to the intersection with the N/S center section line of Township 37 North, Range 3 East, Section 9; Thence northerly along said N/S center section line to the north section line of Township 37 North, Range 3 East, Section 9; Thence easterly along said section line to the southwest section corner of Township 37 North, Range 3 East, Section 3; Thence northerly along said section line to the southeast section corner of Township 38 North, Range 3 East, Section 33; Thence westerly along the southern section line of Township 38 North, Range 3 East, Section 33 2,780 feet; Thence northerly to the city limits of Bellingham; Thence easterly and northerly and westerly along the city limits of Bellingham to the centerline of Guide Meridian and the western section line of Township 38 North, Range 3 East, Section 6; Thence northerly along the centerline of Guide Meridian to the centerline of East Wiser Lake Road and the northwest corner of Township 39 North, Range 3 East, Section 6; Thence easterly along the northern section lines of Township 39 north, Range 3 East, Sections 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 to the intersection with the city limits of Everson; Thence southerly, easterly, and northerly along the city limits of the cities of Everson and Nooksack to the intersection with the northern section line of Township 40 North, Range 4 East, Section 29; Thence easterly along said N/S section line to the center section line of township 40 North, Range 4 East, Section 21; Thence northerly along said N/S center section lines of Township 40 North, Range 4 East, Sections 21 and 16 to the northern section line of Township 40

North, Range 4 East, Section 16 and the centerline of East Badger Road; Thence easterly along the centerline of East Badger Road to the southwest corner section of Township 40 North, Range 4 east, Section 10;

Thence northerly along west section line of Township 40 North, Range 4 East, Sections 10 and 3 to the intersection with the southern 2016 city limits of Sumas; Thence easterly and northerly along the city limits of Sumas to the point of beginning.

#### **D. DISTRICT 4 – FARMLANDS**

##### **District 4 shall be defined as follows:**

Beginning at the intersection of the eastern 2016 city limits of Sumas with the Forty-Ninth parallel, Township 41 North, Range 4 East, Section 35; Thence southerly, easterly, and westerly along the city limits of Sumas to the centerline of Garrison Road; Thence southerly along the centerline of Garrison Road to the centerline of SR 546 E. Badger Rd.; Thence westerly along the centerline of E. Badger Rd. to the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of Township 40 North, Range 4 East, Section 16; Thence south along this quarter section line and the quarter section line of Township 40 North, Range 4 East, Section 21 to the centerline of Sorenson Rd; Thence west along Sorenson Rd. extended to the city limits of Nooksack; Thence southerly and westerly along the city limits of Nooksack to the city limits of Everson; Thence westerly, southerly, and northerly along the city limits of Everson to the southern section line of Township 40 North, Range 3 East, Section 36; Thence west along the southern section line of Township 40 North, Range 3 East, Section 36, Section 35, Section 34, Section 33, Section 32, and Section 31 to the centerline of SR 539 Guide Meridian; Thence southerly along the centerline of Guide Meridian to the centerline of W. Bakerview Rd.; Thence westerly along the centerline of W. Bakerview Road to the intersection with the city limits of Bellingham; Thence southerly and westerly along the city limits of Bellingham to the intersection with McLeod Road; Thence westerly along the centerline of McLeod Road to Hollywood Avenue; Thence south along Hollywood Avenue to Alderwood Road; Thence westerly along the centerline of Alderwood Road to point 260 feet northeast of the centerline of Marine Drive; Thence northwesterly parallel to Marine Drive to the center section line of Township 38 North, Range 2 East, Section 15; Thence northerly along said center section line 1,525 feet; Thence westerly 2,000 feet; Thence north to the northern section line of Township 38 North, Range 2 East, Section 15; Thence west along said section line to the centerline of Wynn Road and the eastern section line of Township 38 North, Range 2 East, Section 9; Thence north along the eastern section line of Section 9 and Section 4 of Township 38 North, Range 2 East to the intersection with the city limits of Ferndale; Thence easterly, northerly, and westerly along the city limits of Ferndale to the centerline of Enterprise Road, also the N/S centerline of Township 38 North, Range 2 East, Section 8; Thence northerly along the centerline of Enterprise Rd. to the centerline of Harksell Road; Thence westerly along the centerline of Harksell Road to the centerline of Delta Line Road and the southwest corner of Township 40 North, Range 2 East, Section 31; Thence northerly along the western section lines of Section 31, Section 30, and Section 19, Township 40 North Range 2 East, to the southwest corner of Township 40 North, Range 21 East, Section 18 and the centerline of Loomis Trail Road; Thence westerly along the centerline of Loomis Trail Road to the centerline of White Road; Thence northwesterly along the centerline of White Road to the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of Township 40 North, Range 1 East, Section 16; Thence easterly along said quarter section line to the northeast of the southwest quarter of Township 40 North, Range 1 East, Section 15; Thence northerly along said quarter section to the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Township 40 North, Range 1 East, Section 10; Thence easterly along said quarter quarter line to the west section line of Township 40 North,

Range 1 East, Section 11; Thence northerly along said section line and Valley View Road to the 2016 city limits of Blaine; Thence easterly and northerly along the city limits of Blaine to the Forty-Ninth parallel; Thence east along the Forty-Ninth parallel to the point of beginning.

**E. DISTRICT 5 - COASTAL**

**District 5 shall be defined as follows:**

Commencing at the intersection of the Forty-Ninth parallel with the eastern city limits of Blaine, Township 41 North, Range 1 East, Section 35; Thence southerly along the city limits of Blaine to the centerline of H Street Road; Thence westerly along the centerline of H Street Road to the centerline of Valley View Road; Thence southerly along the centerline of Valley View Road, extended to the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter, Township 40 North, Range 1 East, Section 10; Thence west to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, Township 40 North, Range 1 East, Section 10; Thence south to the southeast corner of the northwest quarter, Township 40 North, Range 1 East, Section 15; Thence westerly to the centerline of White Road; Thence southeasterly along the centerline of White Road to the centerline of Loomis Trail; Thence easterly along the centerline of Loomis Trail Road to the centerline of Delta Line Road; Thence southerly along the centerline of Delta Line Road, to the intersection with Harksell Road; Thence easterly along the centerline of Harksell Road to the intersection with Enterprise Road; Thence southerly along the centerline of Enterprise Road to the Ferndale city limits; Thence easterly and southerly along the Ferndale city limits to where it intersects with the eastern section line of Township 38 North, Range 2 East, Section 4; Thence southerly along said section line to the southeast section corner of Township 38 North, Range 2 East, Section 9; Thence easterly 660 feet along the northern section line of Township 38 North, Range 2 East, Section 15; Thence southerly to the intersection with the Burlington Northern Railroad Line; Thence southeasterly along the center line of said rail line to a point 1,600 feet west of the east line of the C.E. Roberts Donation Land Claim; Thence south to the ordinary high water mark of Bellingham Bay; Thence westerly and northerly along the coastline to the Forty Ninth parallel; Thence east along the Forty- Ninth parallel to the point of beginning. Includes Point Roberts; Lummi Island; Eliza Island; and Portage Island.