

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda Date	Assigned To:
Originator- County Executive	gjs	6-16-92		6/23/92	Council/Intro
Division Head-				7/14/92	Council/ <del>Hearing</del> <sup>Finance</sup>
Department Head-					
Prosecutor Review-					
Purchasing/Budget Dir.-					
Executive-					

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**SUBJECT:**

Medical Examiner Appointment

JUN 17 1992

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Ordinance revising Chapter 2.06 of the Whatcom County Code
2. Proposed contract for professional services of Medical Examiner
3. Letters of recommendation from Sheriff Dale Brandland, Prosecuting Attorney Dave McEachran and Whatcom County Medical Society

WHATCOM COUNTY  
COUNCIL

Public Hearing Needed? Yes/\_\_\_/No/X/

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Whatcom County Medical Examiner, Dr. Robert Rood, is retiring effective June 30th, 1992. The acting Deputy Medical Examiner, Dr. Gary Goldfogel has been recommended by the Sheriff and Whatcom County Medical Society to the Executive as required by the Charter. The Executive Office is recommending structuring the Medical Examiner function under a professional services contract rather than an employee/employer relationship such as required currently under the Whatcom County Code. As a result, the proposed ordinance was prepared allowing the contractual relationship and establishing an oversight committee to review the work of the Medical Examiner.

**ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- Confirm Executive Appointment of Dr. Gary Goldfogel as County Medical Examiner
- Approve professional services agreement for Medical Examiner services
- Approve recommended change to Whatcom County Code, Chapter 2.06 regarding Medical Examiner

**COMMITTEE ACTION (including dates):**

**COUNCIL ACTION (including dates):**

- 6/23/92: Introduced
- 7/14/92: Council adopted the ordinance with amendments. 7-0.

Related File Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance or Resolution Number: 092-042

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ORDINANCE NO. 92-042

**REVISION TO CHAPTER 2.06 OF THE  
WHATCOM COUNTY CODE REGARDING  
COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER**

WHEREAS, the County Medical Examiner is retiring as of June 30, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the County's interest is served in continuing a contractual relationship with the Deputy Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, this continuing relationship through contract is possible through changes to the County Code; and

WHEREAS, the establishment a Medical Examiner Advisory Council will benefit the County by providing oversight for the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Chapter 2.06 of the Whatcom County Code is amended as follows:

2.06.020 Duties--Administrative. The medical examiner shall be responsible for the administration and staffing of the office, should same become necessary; ~~provided, however, that any employee of such office shall be subject to all applicable Whatcom County personnel rules.~~

2.06.050 Medical Examiner Advisory Council. The Whatcom County Medical Examiner Advisory Council is hereby formed for the following purposes:

- a. to review the Medical Examiner's policies and procedures
- b. to review the performance of the Medical Examiner and make annual written reports to the County Council and Executive.
- c. to report to the County and Medical Examiner, the various jurisdictional needs for the medical examiner function

The Advisory Council shall be comprised of the following members:

- 1. Whatcom County Executive
- 2. Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney
- 3. Whatcom County Sheriff
- 4. Whatcom County Health Officer
- 5. Member of the State Death Investigation Council
- 6. City of Bellingham Police Chief
- 7. Police Chief of another City in Whatcom County


1 The State Death Investigation Council member shall be recommended by the Medical  
2 Examiner and approved by the Medical Examiner Advisory Council membership. The  
3 Police Chief position from a city other than Bellingham shall be selected by the Cities'  
4 Police Chiefs and rotated periodically.

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6 The Advisory Council shall meet at least once each year to review the Medical Examiner  
7 Function. A majority of five (5) members of the Council may call for a special meeting,  
8 if necessary.


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10 ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 1992.

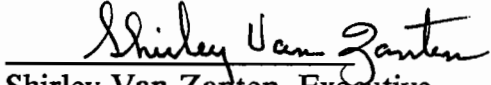
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13 ATTEST: WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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16 for Ramona Reeves, Council Clerk

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Daniel M. Warner, Chairman

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19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  Approved  Denied

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22 Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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Shirley Van Zanten, Executive  
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