

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Henderson	AK	6-19-94		6/28/94	Council/Intro
Division Head:				7/12/94	Finance/Council
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	BG	6/22/94			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

**SUBJECT:**

Ordinance calling for election of a Charter Review Commission

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Ordinance

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

*Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.*

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO /xx/ YES / / Requested date:
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The voters adopted an amendment to the Charter last fall that allow the Council to call for election of a Charter Review Commission whenever it feels such election is necessary. The County Auditor's Office has issued an informal estimate of the cost of this election, at \$40,000; a supplemental budget would be required since this was not planned for in the 1994 budget.

If this ordinance is to be adopted, Council must adopt it on July 12 in order to allow sufficient time for candidates to file for a place on the November ballot.

**CLERK'S RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):**

"I move that the Council adopt the ordinance." A majority vote in favor of this motion would adopt the ordinance; a majority vote opposed to this motion would kill it.

**COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:**

**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:**

7/12/94: Council adopted the ordinance.

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ORDINANCE NO. 94-039

CALLING FOR ELECTION OF A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Home Rule Charter, as amended in 1993 by the voters of Whatcom County, allows for a Charter Review Commission to be elected when the Council deems it necessary; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8.11 states that the Commission shall consist of 15 persons, with an equal number or representatives from each Council District; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no filing fee nor shall there be a primary for persons seeking the office of Charter Review Commissioner; and

WHEREAS the term of office shall be one year, and the member of the Commission receiving the greatest number of votes shall convene the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the formation and operation of the Charter Review Commission must be in conformance with the provisions of Article 8 of the Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, in order to seek the election of Charter Review Commissioners in November 1994 the Council must adopt this ordinance and file it with the County Auditor as quickly as possible;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that  
2 an election of the Charter Review Commission is hereby ordered for November 1994;  
3 and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of the Council will budget for  
6 operating costs expected for the 1995 term of the Charter Review Commission; and  
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8 BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance will be filed with the  
9 County Auditor immediately following its adoption by the Council.  
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11 ADOPTED this 12th day of July, 1994.

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14 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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16 *Ramona Reeves*  
17 Ramona Reeves, Council Clerk

*Robert Imhof*  
Robert Imhof, Chair

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20 APPROVED as to form:

Approved      ( ) Vetoed

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22 *Daniel L. Gibson*  
23 Civil Deputy Prosecutor

*Shirley Van Zanten*  
Shirley Van Zanten, Executive  
Date: 7.13.94