

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Starkenburg		11/16/94		11/22/94	Council intro
Division Head:				12/13/94	
Dept. Head:				2/28/95	
Prosecutor:	DG.	7/21/95		4/25/95	Finance/Council
Purchasing/Budget:				5/9/95	Health Board
Executive:					

SUBJECT:

Revision to Title 24 - Health Department

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

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

Related County contract #: N/A	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / / YES / / Requested date:
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The ordinance would change the current code to require that an Administrative Director be appointed to oversee the operations of the Health Department. Currently, the code requires the Health Officer to also perform these functions above and beyond the professional medical requirements of the Health Officer position.

CLERK'S RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

"I move that the Council approve the ordinance."

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

- 11/22/94: Council introduced.
- 12/13/94:
- 1/10/95: Tabled to 2/28/95
- 2/28/95: Tabled until second meeting of April 25-95
- 4/25/95: Held in Committee for 90 days. Special presentation on 5/9/95 in front of the Health Board.
- 5/9/95: Presented
- 5/18/95: Substitute amended and adopted 6-0

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Starkenburg

INTRODUCTION DATE: 11/22/94

ORDINANCE NO. 95-037

AMENDING TITLE 24 TO REVIEW REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE
POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County Code requires that the Health Officer serve as head of the Health department; and

WHEREAS, state law does not carry such a requirement, and it is hereby found to be advantageous to expand the option of separating the professional duties of the Health Office from the administrative duties of a Director of the Health Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Title 24 of the Whatcom County Code, Chapter 24.01 is amended as follows:

24.01.030 Administration is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

24.01.030 Administrative Director, Health Officer Appointments

A. Administrative Director. In accordance with R.C.W. 70.05.040 the County Executive may appoint an administrative director separate from the health officer. The administrative director appointed by the County Executive shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the County Council. The administrative director shall be appointed for an indefinite period and shall serve at the will of the County Executive.

B. Health Officer. In accordance with R.C.W. 70.05.050, the County Executive may appoint a local health officer who shall meet the qualifications as prescribed in R.C.W. 70.05.050 through R.C.W. 70.050.55. No term of office shall be established for the health officer, but the health officer shall not be removed from office until after notice is given and an opportunity for a hearing before the County Executive as to the reason for the officer's removal is provided. The health officer appointed by the County Executive shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the County Council.

24.01.040 Powers and duties of administrative officer, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

24.01.040 Powers and duties.

1 A. Administrative Director. The duties of the administrative director shall be
2 as outlined in R.C.W. 70.05.045, as well as general management, oversight and
3 administration of the Health Department.

4 It is the responsibility of the administrative director to hire departmental staff,
5 except for health officer, in accordance with the personnel policies and procedures
6 of the County and any other applicable laws and regulations.

7 B. Health Officer. The powers and duties of the health officer shall be as
8 outlined in R.C.W. 70.05.070.


9 If no administrative director has been appointed, as provided in Section
10 24.01.030(A), the health officer, under the direction of the County Executive shall
11 have the powers and duties as outlined in R.C.W. 70.05.070 and the powers and
12 the duties of the administrative director as outlined in Section 24.01.040 (A).

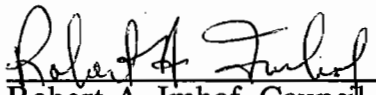
13 If an administrative director is appointed in accordance with Section 24.01.303
14 (A), the health officer shall have the powers and duties as outline in R.C.W.
15 70.05.070 under the direction of the administrative director.

16 ADOPTED this 18 day of July, 1995.

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18 ATTEST:

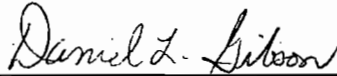
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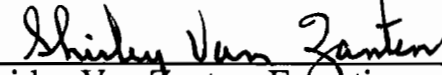
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20 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council


Robert A. Imhof, Council Chair

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved Denied

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23 Civil Deputy Prosecutor
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Shirley Van Zanten, Executive
Date: 7-24-95