

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL**

**NO. 1996 - 285**

CLEARANCES	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To
Orig. Dept.:	7/17/96	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <b>RECEIVED</b>   <b>OCT 09 1996</b>   <b>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</b> </div>	7/23/96	Public Works / Council
Division Head:				
Dept. Head:				
Prosecutor:	DG			
/Budget:				
Executive:				

**SUBJECT:**

Ordinance establishing a drunk driving victim memorial sign program

**ATTACHMENTS**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Related County Contract #:	Should the Clerk schedule a hearing? (Y/N)	Requested Date:
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On July 23, 1996, the Council's Public Works Committee discussed information regarding the feasibility of establishing a "memorial sign program" in Whatcom County for victims involved in drunk driving accidents. The program would be patterned after the Washington State Department of Transportation's program on state routes. The purpose of the program is to heighten public awareness to the tragic consequences of drinking and driving.

The Public Works Committee requested that an ordinance be drafted and introduced on August 6. The draft ordinance was discussed in committee and at the full Council meeting on September 3. The ordinance was held in committee and will be discussed further on September 17.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):**

**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN**

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- 1996 - 285 7/23/96: Held in Committee until Ordinance is drafted for introduction
- 8/6/96: Introduced
- 9/3/96: Held in Committee
- 9/17/96: Discussed in Committee. Held indefinitely
- 10/29/96: Held in Council. Reschedule on 11/12/96
- 11/12/96: Substitute Amended & adopted 7 - 0. Ord. #96-053

**Related File Numbers:**

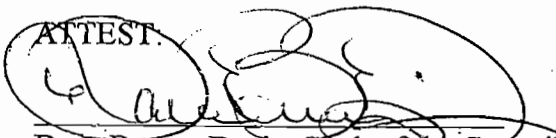
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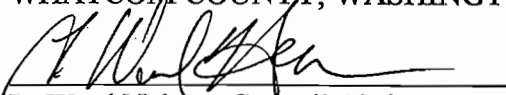
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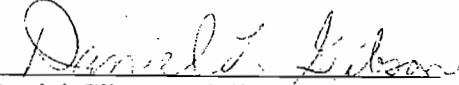


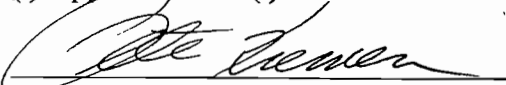
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2 6. Memorial signs shall only be approved for sponsors where there is full immediate family  
3 consent. For the purpose of this ordinance, "full immediate family" shall consist o f  
4 spouse, parents, children and siblings."
- 5 7. The total number of locations in the County shall not exceed twelve (12). Each location  
6 shall have one (1) sign post with no two (2) posts located within one-half mile of each  
7 other. Additional memorial plaques on the same post will not be considered  
8 additional locations.
- 9 8. Signs may be installed if the driver was convicted of a vehicular homicide under the  
10 purview of RCW 46.61.520, was fatally injured or caused a fatality and shown to be  
11 Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) based on blood toxicology reports. Signs for other  
12 traffic safety-related fatalities will not be precluded by this ordinance.
- 13 9. The entire sign cost, including billing, together with placing and erecting the signs shall  
14 be paid by the sponsors but shall be located and placed by County crews.
- 15 10. Replacement costs of the signs, due to damage, theft, or disrepair shall be the  
16 responsibility of the sponsor. Replacement shall not occur unless sponsor so requests.
- 17 11. All such work by the sign crews shall be coordinated with the Traffic Engineer of the  
18 Public Works Department for location approval.
- 19 12. The Traffic Engineer of the Whatcom County Public Works Department shall be  
20 authorized to determine sign locations, whether additional signs would be a hazard  
21 to the motoring public, and also to determine when such sign is in need of  
22 replacement.

23 ADOPTED this 12 day of November, 1996.

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25 ATTEST.   
26 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council  
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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
  
L. Ward Nelson, Council Chair

28 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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30 Daniel Gibson, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Approved     Denied  
  
Pete Kremen, County Executive