

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Executive	PK	12-3-97	<b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>DEC 8 3 1997</b>  <b>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	12/9	Intro
Division Head:				1/13	Finance/ Council
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor: Randall J. Watts	RJW	12/3/97			
Executive: Pete Kremen	PK	12-3-97			

**SUBJECT:**

**Authorization to adopt a biennial budget process for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 pursuant to Whatcom County Home Rule Charter, Article 6, Section 6.05**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Ordinance establishing a biennial budget process for Fiscal Year 1999-2000*

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

*quest Council Approval establishing a biennial budget process for Fiscal Year 1999-2000*

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

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / YES / / Requested date:
Amount budgeted for this item/project:\$	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / / NO / / (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

**ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve authorization to adopt biennial budget process for Fiscal Year 1999-2000

**COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:**

**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:**

1997 - 407 12/9/97: Introduced  
 1/13/98: kAdopted 4 - 3, Brenner, Brown, Hoag opposed. Ord.  
 #98-003

*Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):*

*Ord. # 98-003*

SPONSORED BY: Consent  
PROPOSED BY: Consent  
INTRODUCED: 12/9/97

ORDINANCE NO: 98003

**AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A BIENNIAL BUDGET  
FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Whatcom County voted on November 4, 1997 in favor of adding Section 6.05 regarding the adoption of a biennial budget cycle with a mid-biennium review to the Whatcom County Home Rule Charter (Article 6); and

WHEREAS, the 1997 Session Laws, Chapter 204 authorized the biennial budgeting option for counties; and

WHEREAS, biennial budgeting will provide an opportunity to streamline government services by providing for better long range and strategic planning, long term program planning and development, and more efficient use of staff time in increasing budget efficiency, thereby improving services to the citizens of Whatcom County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that we, the Whatcom County Council, hereby adopt for fiscal year 1999-2000 a biennial budget process, requiring a mid-biennium review.

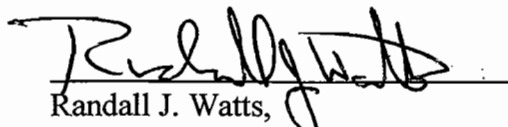
Approved this 13 day of January, 1998.

ATTEST:  
Clerk of the Council



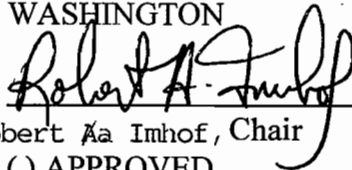
Dana Brown-Davis

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Randall J. Watts,  
Chief Civil Deputy  
Prosecuting Attorney

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY,  
WASHINGTON



Robert A. Imhof, Chair

( ) APPROVED



Pete Kremen, County Executive

Date: 1-15-98