

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator: Executive Office	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/29/04		05/04	Intro
Division Head:				05/18	Finance Committee; Council
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor	Dmb	4/29/04			
Purchasing/Budget:	BB	4/29/04			
Executive: Pete Kremen	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/29/04			

SUBJECT: Authorization to adopt a biennial budget process for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 pursuant to Whatcom County Home Rule Charter, Article 6, Section 6.05

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance establishing a biennial budget process for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO
 SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO

Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes () NO
 Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Request Council approval establishing a biennial budget process for Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006.

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2004 - 199 5/4/2004: Introduced
 5/18/2004: Adopted 5-0, Nelson, McShane absent, Ord.
 #2004-034

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Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item): **ORD.# 2004-034**

SPONSORED BY: Consent
PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 5/04/2004

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-034
AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A BIENNIAL BUDGET
FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

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 2005-2006 a biennial budget process, requiring mid-biennium review.

ADOPTED this 18 day of May, 2004.

ATTEST:


Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DMS
Dave Grant, Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Laurie Caskey-Schreiber
Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Vice Chair

() Approved () Denied

Pete Kremen
Pete Kremen, County Executive

Date: 5-24-04