

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2006-218

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	LSD	4/24/06	RECEIVED MAY 02 2006 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	5/9/06	Introduction
Division Head:				5/23/06	Council
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	<i>DJ</i>	04/25/06			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	<i>PK</i>	4-25-06			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:

Ordinance creating the Whatcom County Veterans Advisory Board

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes () NO
SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

This proposed ordinance, if adopted, will formally establish the Veterans Advisory Board as now required by law. Note: Such a group has been in existence for some time, prior to any legal requirements.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

5/09/2006: Introduced
 5/23/2006: Adopted 5-0 Fleetwood & Nelson
 absent Ordinance 2006-025

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number: Ord. 2006-025

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SPONSORED BY: Executive

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 5/9/2006

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-025

CREATING THE WHATCOM COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Whatcom County currently has a veterans' assistance program for the relief of indigent veterans, their families, and the families of deceased indigent veterans as required under RCW 73.08.010; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 73.08.035, passed by the state legislature in 2005, the legislative authority for each county must establish a veterans' advisory board; and

WHEREAS, the County Council and County Executive shall solicit representatives from either local branches of nationally recognized veterans' service organizations or the veterans' community at large, or both, to serve on the board; and

WHEREAS, no less than a majority of members on the board shall be members from nationally recognized veterans' service organizations, and only veterans are eligible to serve as board members; and

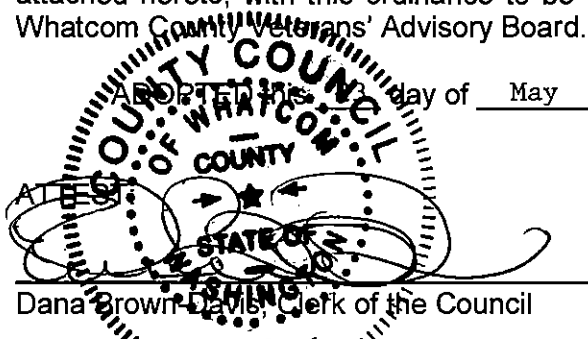
WHEREAS, the purpose of the advisory board will be to advise the County Council and County Executive on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to them, and the programs that could benefit indigent veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the County Council and County Executive shall consult with and solicit recommendations from the veterans' advisory board to determine the appropriate services needed for local indigent veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Whatcom County Council hereby creates and establishes the Whatcom County Veterans Advisory Board as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, with this ordinance to be codified as Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.150, Whatcom County Veterans' Advisory Board.

ADOPTED this _____ day of May, 2006.

ATTEST:



Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

L. Caskey-Schreiber
Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel L. Gibson
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Approved Denied

P. Kremen
Pete Kremen, County Executive

Exhibit A

Chapter 2.150

WHATCOM COUNTY VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD

2.150.010 Established.

There is hereby established the Whatcom County Veterans' Advisory Board.

2.150.020 Purpose.

The board is created pursuant to RCW 73.08.035 to advise the County Council on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families. The County Council and County Executive shall consult with and solicit recommendations from the advisory board to determine the appropriate services needed for local indigent veterans.

2.150.030 Qualifications.

Only veterans who are residents of Whatcom County are eligible to serve as board members. No fewer than a number constituting a majority of the board members shall be members from nationally recognized veterans' service organizations. The County Council and County Executive shall solicit representatives from either local branches of nationally recognized veterans' service organizations or the veterans' community at large to serve on the board.

2.150.040 Appointment and Membership.

Members of the board shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. The board shall consist of up to 9 members, appointed to terms of 4 years. A majority of that number of potential members must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting business. Members may be reappointed and confirmed in the same manner as provided herein for initial appointment.

2.150.050 Compensation.

Service on the board is voluntary. The County Council may provide for reimbursement to board members for appropriate qualified expenses, consistent with County procedures and policies for such reimbursement.