

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
<i>Originator:</i>		7/9/2007		7/10/2007	Council
<i>Division Head:</i>					
<i>Dept. Head:</i>					
<i>Prosecutor:</i>					
<i>Purchasing/Budget:</i>					
<i>Executive:</i>					

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:
 Res. initiating zoning text amendments for annual WCC Chapter 20

ATTACHMENTS:

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

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.)*

Initiating zoning text amendments brought forward by county council members to be added to the Whatcom County Code chapter 20 annual amendment docket.

COMMITTEE ACTION:	COUNCIL ACTION: 7/10/2007: Council Approved 6-1 Nelson opposed Res. 2007-034
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Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res. 2007-034
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Sponsored by: Consent
Proposed by: Consent
Introduction date: July 10, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-034

INITIATING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE ADDED TO THE WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 20 ANNUAL AMENDMENT DOCKET

WHEREAS, the provisions of WCC 20.90.030 requires the Whatcom County Council to initiate by resolution all non-emergency amendments to Whatcom County Code (WCC) Title 20 being brought forward by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Council members submitted five proposed amendments to WCC Title 20 to the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Department prior to the June 30th, 2007 docketing deadline; and

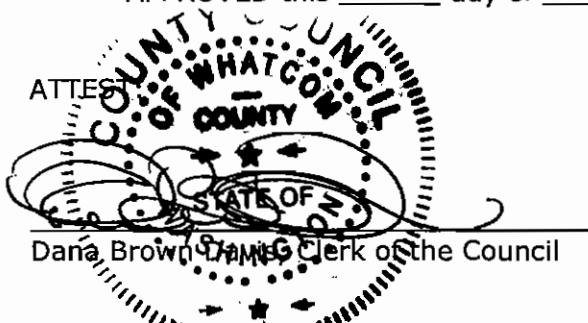
WHEREAS, initiation of these amendments allows Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Department staff to prepare staff reports and recommendations on these amendments for the appropriate hearing body; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council has reviewed these proposed amendments enough to see the value in moving them forward to the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Department staff for further investigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Whatcom County Council hereby initiates for formal review the amendments shown on attached Exhibit A.

APPROVED this 10 day of July 2007

ATTEST




Dana Brown, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Carl Weimer, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karen H. Fink
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Exhibit A

Proposal Name	Council-member/s Bringing Forward	Description	Location
Lake Padden Special Water District	McShane	Add Lake Padden to WCC 20.71, 20.80.635 and 20.80.735 as a Water Resource Protection Overlay District, Stormwater Special District and Water Resource Special Management Area	Lake Padden Watershed
Allow wildlife rescue/ rehabilitation facilities in the Ag. zone	Caskey-Schreiber	Amend WCC 20.40.051 to include language to allow for the operation of wildlife animal rescue/rehabilitation facilities in AG zone.	Countywide
Change to Home Occupation definition	Weimer & Brenner	Amend wording of WCC 20.97.180 "Home Occupation" to permit home occupations in unattached allowed accessory structures such as garages, studios, workshops, sheds, etc.	Countywide
Eliminate different density provisions in RR-I district	Weimer	Amend the RR-I District zoning regulations (WCC 20.34.251-253) to eliminate provisions of the code authorizing different density provisions within and outside of groundwater aquifer recharge areas, including elimination of the density transfer provisions contained in WCC 20.34.251 (3) and WCC 20.34.330	Lummi Island - North End
Increasing Pipeline Safety near new development	Weimer	Add new section to WCC 20 to provide for greater safety of people living and working near high pressure transmission pipelines. Includes building setbacks from pipeline corridors for a variety of uses, consultation with pipeline operators, communication with pipeline operators, definition of high consequence land uses, and an addition to the SEPA checklist.	Countywide