

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. AB2008-264

Clearances	Initial	Date	Date Received In Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To:
Originator:	SM <i>SM</i>	6/16/08	RECEIVED JUL 01 2008 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	7/8/08	Introduction
Division Head:				7/22/2008	Council
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	<i>ROW</i>	6/12/08			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	<i>PK</i>	7-1-08			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT: *Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission Against Domestic Violence Ordinance Amendment*

ATTACHMENTS: *Ordinance & Memorandum*

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes () NO Requested Date:
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SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

In order to facilitate a broader representation of children and families in the Commission's work, the Domestic Violence Commission are requesting the addition of a designated representative from the Department of Social and Health Services, Community Service office.

COMMITTEE ACTION: 7/22/2008:	COUNCIL ACTION: 7/8/2008: Introduced 7/22/2008: Council Adopted 7-0 Ord. 2008-029
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Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number: Ord. 2008-029
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1 | **PROPOSED BY:** Consent
2 | **SPONSORED BY:** Executive
3 | **INTRODUCTION DATE:** 7/8/08
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6 | **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-029**
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8 | **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.108,**
9 | **BELLINGHAM-WHATCOM COUNTY COMMISSION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,**
10 | **SECTION 040, COMPOSITION**

11 | **WHEREAS,** the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County created the Commission
12 | Against Domestic Violence in 1998 to address the problem of domestic violence in a
13 | comprehensive county-wide manner, and
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15 | **WHEREAS,** the composition of the Commission Against Domestic Violence was
16 | intended to include a broad spectrum of the community including representatives from local
17 | governments, and
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19 | **WHEREAS,** the proposed amendment providing for the appointment of a designated
20 | representative from the Department of Social and Health Services Division of Children and
21 | Family Services, in addition to a designated representative from the Department of Social
22 | and Health Services Community Service Office, will facilitate broader representation of
23 | children and families in the Commission's work,
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25 | **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that
26 | Section 2.108.040-A is hereby amended as indicated in Exhibit A to this ordinance.
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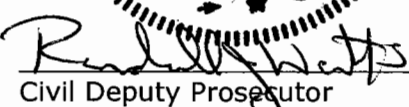
29 | **ADOPTED** this 22nd day of July, 2008.
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31 | The seal of the Whatcom County Council is circular with a double border. The outer border contains the text "WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL" at the top and "WASHINGTON" at the bottom, separated by stars. The inner border contains "COUNTY OF WHATCOM" at the top and "WASHINGTON" at the bottom, also separated by stars. In the center, there is a smaller seal with a star and the text "COUNTY OF WHATCOM".
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33 | Dana Brown, Council Clerk
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35 | WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
36 | WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

37 | APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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39 | Carl Weimer, Council Chair
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42 | Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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44 | Pete Kremen, County Executive

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2.108.040 Composition

- A. The Commission shall consist of up to 278 members. The following officials shall be designated government representatives on the Commission:
1. Whatcom County prosecutor;
 2. Whatcom County sheriff;
 3. Bellingham police chief;
 4. Bellingham city attorney;
 5. Bellingham municipal court administrator;
 6. One Whatcom County court administrator selected by the county court administrators;
 7. Whatcom County director of health and human services;
 8. Whatcom County public defender;
 9. Whatcom County director of district court probation;
 10. A designated representative of DSHS/DCFS from the Department of Social and Health Services Division of Children and Family Services;
 11. A designated representative from the Department of Social and Health Services Community Service Office;
 12. One chief executive officer or a designated representative from the cities in Whatcom County other than Bellingham selected by a majority vote of the eligible chief executive officers;
 13. One police chief from the cities in Whatcom County other than Bellingham selected by a majority vote of the eligible police chiefs;
 14. One superintendent from the school districts in Whatcom County selected by a majority vote of the eligible superintendents.
- B. Additional members shall be selected by the mayor and the county executive from among members of the community who have an interest in, or are impacted by, domestic violence. The mayor and the county executive shall each appoint seven members to include the following:
1. One domestic violence victims service provider;
 2. Two human services providers, including, but not limited to, educators, victim or offender services, clergy or religious leaders and early childhood education providers;
 3. One representative of a major employer;
 4. One health care provider;
 5. Two representatives from the community at large.
- C. The county executive appointment shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the county council as per Section 3.23 of the Whatcom County Charter.
- D. In selecting members of the Commission the mayor and county executive shall attempt to reflect the racial, ethnic, economic and geographical diversity of the community and to insure the participation of at least one survivor of domestic violence.

E. Terms of the nongovernment members, and of those government members selected by majority vote of designated groups, shall be four years; provided, that the terms of those nongovernment members first appointed shall be staggered so that two members shall be appointed for one year, four members shall be appointed for two years, four members shall be appointed for three years and four members shall be appointed for four years. Members may be reappointed. Members may be removed by the appointing authority. Each member shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed. (Ord. 2005-001; Ord. 2000-041; Ord. 98-072 § 1).