

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL**

**NO. AB2008-311**

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	TWH	8/7/08	<b>RECEIVED</b>  SEP 02 2008  WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	9/9/08	Fin/Cncl
Division Head:	<i>[Signature]</i>				
Dept. Head:	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/11/08			
Prosecutor:	Rgw	8/21/08			
Purchasing/Budget:	BB	8/26/08			
Executive:	<i>[Signature]</i>	9-2-08			

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:** Proposed demolition of 895 Smith Road structure

**ATTACHMENTS:** Background Memo  
 Home Inspection Report from Inside n Out Inspection Services  
 Resolution

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

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

Per Whatcom County Code 1.10.395 A proposed demolition of a worthless county-owned structure must be authorized by the County Executive and referred to the County council for its approval prior to demolition if there is no imminent risk. If there is a present risk the Executive must seek approval after the demolition.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

9/9/2008: Forwarded to Council for approval

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

9/9/2008: Council Approved 6-1 Brenner  
 opposed Res. 2008-057

**Related County Contract #:**

**Related File Numbers:**

**Ordinance or Resolution Number:** Res. 2008-057

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SPONSORED BY: County Executive

PROPOSED BY: Director of Administrative Services

INTRODUCTION DATE: September 9, 2008

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-057

A RESOLUTION of the County Council of Whatcom County, Washington, authorizing the demolition of the residential home located at 895 Smith Road. This demolition is the outcome of exploring many alternatives to the appropriate use of this structure.

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Code 1.10.395 requires that all County Department Heads shall notify the Director of Administrative Services of county-owned structures deemed to be worthless; and

WHEREAS, following a request from the Director of Public Works the Director of Administrative Services considered all relevant options including:

1. County considered restoration and upgrades compliant with ADA regulations and found them to be cost prohibitive.
2. County considered recycling the home by contracting with the ReStore but found that the cost to pay prevailing wages would mitigate the cost recovery after selling the materials.
3. The Home Inspection Report prepared by an inspection service includes necessary and safety related repairs that would cost more than the home is worth.

WHEREAS, the structure has been used as a training ground for the Sheriff Office's SRT team for forcible entry drills; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive concurs with the determination of the Administrative Services Director and is seeking the approval of the Whatcom County Council; and

WHEREAS, the County would like to dispose of the structure before it becomes a hazard to the public; and

WHEREAS, the County will utilize the Jail Work Crew to salvage materials that can be recycled and reused prior to destruction; and

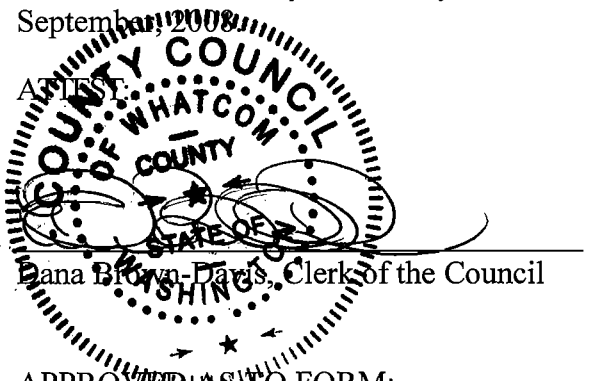
WHEREAS, the County plans to allow the property to be burned as a controlled test burn for training purposes by the Fire Marshall and County Fire Districts; and

WHEREAS, the County anticipates the total cost of the destruction to be no more than \$10,000. This will be paid from the Public Works Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

The County Council, pursuant to Whatcom County Code 1.10.395 titled Worthless county-owned structures, authorizes the destruction of the structure located at 895 Smith Road.

ADOPTED by the County Council of Whatcom County, Washington, this 9th day of September, 2008.



WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Carl Weimer, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor