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**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**
Ordinance amending Whatcom Council Code 2.02, County Council

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**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.)
Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 2.02, changing the order of council business and combining two of the Council’s standing committees to create a “Public Work, Health, and Safety Committee.”

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**COUNCIL ACTION:**
2/14/2012: Introduced
2/28/2012: Council Amended and Adopted 6–1, Crawford opposed
Ord. 2012–010

**Related County Contract #:**

**Related File Numbers:**

**Ordinance or Resolution Number:** Ord. 2012–010

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ORDINANCE NO. 2012–010

AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 2.02, COUNTY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Home Rule Charter Section 2.22 provides that the Whatcom County Council shall be responsible for its own organization and adoption of rules of conduct of its business; and

WHEREAS, the council has codified a majority of its rules, policies, and procedures in Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.02; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of efficiency, the council wishes to amend the code to:

1. Alter the order in which it generally conducts its regular council meeting business.
2. Combine two of its standing committees to create a “Public Works, Health, and Safety Committee”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Whatcom County Code 2.02 is hereby amended as outlined in Exhibit A to the ordinance.

Adopted the 20th day of February, 2012.

[Signature]
Dana Brown-Davis, County Clerk

[Signature]
Kathy Kershner, Council Chair

[Signature]
Jack Louws, County Executive

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Date: 3/16/12
EXHIBIT A
(ORDINANCE AMENDING WCC 2.02)

2.02.055 Meetings – Order of business.

Business may include but not be limited to the following order:

1. Roll call;
2. Flag salute;
3. Announcements;
4. Special presentations;
5. Approval of minutes;
6. Public hearings and final consideration of hearing items;
7. Open session;
8. Consent agenda;
9. Final consideration of other items;
10. Introduction of ordinances and resolutions;
11. Reports and other items from councilmembers;

The council may adjust the order of business at meetings in consideration of public attendance on particular matters.

2.02.075 Standing committees – Established.

The following committees are established:

A. Finance and Administrative Services. General areas of responsibility for this committee shall be budget, taxation and purchasing issues, personnel policies and union negotiations;
B. Planning and Development. General areas of responsibility for this committee shall be zoning, development, stormwater, and fire;
C. Public Works, Health, and Safety. General areas of responsibility for this committee shall be road construction and vacations, new construction, remodeling, public utilities issues, criminal justice activities and planning, solid waste and health-related issues referred to the committee by the health board, public health advisory board, or health department.
D. Natural Resources. General areas of responsibility for this committee shall be water, forestry, agriculture, fishery and mineral issues.