

Proposed by: _____
Introduction date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

NON-BINDING MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL RESOLUTION REGARDING
POPULATION, HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATIONS

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires Whatcom County and the cities to review and, if needed, update their respective comprehensive plans by December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the GMA requires county and city comprehensive plans to be coordinated and consistent; and

WHEREAS, the GMA states that urban growth areas (UGAs) must be revised to accommodate the urban growth projected to occur in the succeeding 20-year planning period by December 31, 2025 (RCW 36.70A.130); and

WHEREAS, the GMA, county-wide planning policies and inter-local agreements indicate that review of UGAs should be coordinated between the County and the cities; and

WHEREAS, population, housing, and employment allocations are a critical component in the comprehensive plan update and UGA review process; and

WHEREAS, while final decisions on population, housing, and employment allocations will not be made until the comprehensive plan is adopted in 2025, it is important for the County and cities to agree upon preliminary allocations in order to coordinate transportation modeling, capital facility planning, environmental review, and UGA recommendations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council [or appropriate City Council] hereby agrees to utilize the population, housing, and employment growth allocations shown on Exhibit A as the preliminary allocations for initial review of urban growth areas by the County and cities. It is acknowledged that a range of population, housing, and employment allocations will also be studied in the environmental impact statement and UGA review process and the final UGA growth allocations may be different than set forth in this Resolution.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

??, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Exhibit A

New table will have total population, housing, and employment growth

Notes:

- 1. The population, housing, and employment allocations represent, for preliminary planning purposes, the additional growth anticipated between 2023 and 2045. The housing figures are from the Housing for All Planning Tool (HAPT).*

Exhibit B

Insert Housing by income band table from the HAPT