

**ORDINANCE RESCINDING SKAGIT COUNTY ORDINANCE O20190008
AND ADOPTING NEW SKAGIT COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 12.01**

WHEREAS pursuant to RCW 70.05.030, in counties without a home rule charter, the Board of County Commissioners shall constitute the local board of health unless the Board of County Commissioners adopt an ordinance expanding the size and composition; and

WHEREAS the Skagit County Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance O20190008 adopting changes to Skagit County Code Chapter 12.01 which expanded the size and composition of the Board of Health to include two at-large members; and

WHEREAS during the 2021 legislative session, the State enacted HB 1152, which requires the expansion of local boards of health to include membership from particular individuals representing specific categories effective July 1, 2022, unless the Board of Health has an established community health advisory board and contingent that the Board of Health is comprised solely of elected officials; and

WHEREAS the Skagit County Board of County Commissioners executed Skagit County Resolution R20220045 finding that that best way to advocate for health improvements is by supporting the ongoing work and success of the Population Health Trust Community Advisory Board and further directed staff to propose amendments to Skagit County Code Chapter 12.01 to allow for a retracted Board of Health to be comprised of the Board of County Commissioners to support the on-going continuance of the Population Health Trust Community Health Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS staff proposed new code to replace the existing Chapter 12.01 consistent with the Board's direction; and

WHEREAS a public hearing was conducted on May 10, 2022, requesting public comment and testimony for and against the replacement of Chapter 12.01 with new code retracting the composition of the Skagit County Board of Health; and

WHEREAS after hearing the public testimony and reviewing comments, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners finds it is in the best interests of the public health of Skagit County to retract the size of the Board of Health and to rely on the expertise of the Population Health Trust Advisory Committee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective immediately:

1. Skagit County Ordinance O20190008 is hereby rescinded; and
2. Existing Skagit County Code 12.01 is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety with the revised Skagit County Code 12.01 contained in the attached Exhibit "A".

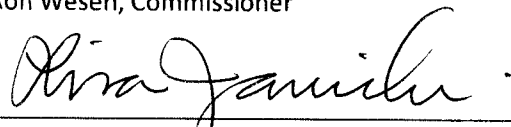
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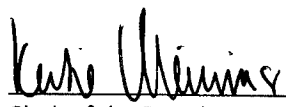
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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Peter Browning, Chair

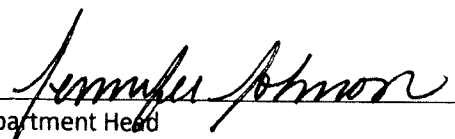

Ron Wesen, Commissioner


Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Attest:


Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Content:


Department Head

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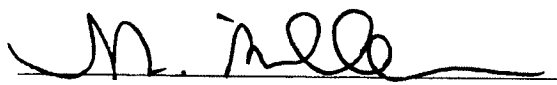

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Chapter 12.01 SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Sections:

- 12.01.005 Purpose
- 12.01.010 Definitions
- 12.01.020 Composition of Board of Health
- 12.01.030 Community Health Advisory Board

12.01.005 Purpose

The provisions of this Chapter shall be in force within the jurisdiction of the Skagit County Board of Health as provided in RCW 70.05.030. These rules and regulations are established by the Skagit County Board of Health pursuant to its authority under RCW 70.05.060 permitting local boards of health to enact local rules and regulations as are necessary in order to preserve, promote and improve the public health and provide the enforcement thereof.

12.01.010 Definitions

- (1) "Board of Health" shall mean the three-member Board of Health of Skagit County authorized by RCW 70.050.030.
- (2) "Public Health" or "department" shall mean the Skagit County Public Health Department.
- (3) "Health Officer" shall mean the Skagit County Health Officer or authorized representative.
- (4) "Person" shall mean an individual, firm, corporation, or association.
- (5) "Community Health Advisory Board" shall mean the Population Health Trust Advisory Board established by Skagit County Resolution No. R20150023 executed on January 27, 2015

12.01.020 Composition of Board of Health

- (1) The Board shall comprise the three members of the Skagit County Board of Commissioners.
- (2) The term of office for each county commissioner member shall be concurrent with that member's term of office as a county commissioner.
- (3) The Board shall publish a schedule of meetings to be held in the Skagit County Commissioner's Hearing Room or at other times and places as determined by the Board.
- (4) At the first meeting each year, the Board shall select one of its members to be the chair to serve for a one-year term. A quorum shall be a majority of the members then serving on the Board.

12.01.030 Community Health Advisory Board

- (1) The Population Health Trust shall continue to serve as the Board of Health's Community Advisory Board pursuant to RCW 70.05.030(2) and RCW 70.46.140 as currently enacted or as may be amended.
- (2) The Community Health Advisory Board shall operate consistent with the requirements of RCW 70.46.140 as currently enacted or as may be amended.
- (3) Membership shall be consistent with RCW 70.46.140, except that Members terms may be altered to achieve and maintain staggering consistent with the intent of RCW 70.46.140.
- (4) The Community Health Advisory Board shall maintain and update its Guiding Principles which shall continue to serve as the Advisory Board's bylaws.