



**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-07 - Extended**

**Amending the 2021 Unified Fee Schedule
For Emergency Repair Permits**

WHEREAS, the 2021 Unified Fee Schedule was adopted by County Council through Ordinance No. 2020-062; and

WHEREAS, this Unified Fee Schedule established 2021 permit fees for Emergency Repair Permits; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Ordinance No. 2007-070 states, "...upon a showing of sufficient justification, the County Executive may add new fees or adjust fees set by the Unified Fee Schedule by way of Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, the flood event that began November 14, 2021 has threatened persons and property and has required extraordinary measures to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, due to the State of Emergency declared on November 14, 2021 Whatcom County will suspend the Emergency Repair Permit Fees totaling \$377.50 for Emergency Repair Permits related to damage to structures from flooding and waive the Natural Resource Notification of Activity Fee of \$41.20 for conducting emergency activities or repairs within critical areas in accordance with WCC 16.16.900;

WHEREAS, the effects of the flood event continue, this emergency order is amended and extended for an additional three months and emergency repair requests must now be received by Whatcom County Planning and Development Services no later than April 30, 2022 in order for the fee waiver to apply;

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR WHATCOM COUNTY, I HEREBY ORDER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2022, THAT:

- (1) Whatcom County will suspend Emergency Repair Permit Fees that are related to flood damage provided Emergency Permit Requests are initiated between November 14, 2021 and April 30, 2022.

DATED THIS 31st DAY OF January, 2022.

Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive