

DRAFT – FOR DISCUSSION

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT(S) TO ESTABLISH AND PROTECT FAIR REPRESENTATION

Proposed Amendment to Section 2.13 Election **Countywide By District**

The registered voters of ~~Whatcom County~~ *each Council district* shall vote upon each Council member position *representing their respective district* at the November general election. ...

OR

The registered voters of ~~Whatcom County~~ *each Council district* shall vote upon each Council member position *to be filled from their district* at the November general election.

Proposed Amendment to Section 2.20 Powers. (add subsection (e) **in red**)

(e) To propose amendments to the Charter, subject to the provisions and limitations of Section 8.23. This item may not be necessary if Sections 2.13, 8.20 (or 8.23) are adequately addressed. It would cross-reference the two places where amending is needed.

Proposed Amendment to Section 8.23 Amendments by the County Council (add language **in red**)

The County Council may propose amendments to the Charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters at the next November general election occurring at least ninety (90) days after enactment. A minimum of five (5) affirmative votes shall be required to enact such an ordinance. **No ordinance to amend any provision of Sections 2.12 or 2.13 of this Charter shall be proposed or enacted by the Council.** An ordinance proposing an amendment to the Charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the County Executive.
