

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CONSENT AGENDA REQUEST**

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Mark McCauley, County Administrator

DATE: June 2, 2025

SUBJECT: Hearing re: Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 03-0311-19 and Chapter 3.01 Jefferson County Code (Biennial Budget)

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

The County adopted Ordinance 03-0311-19 in March, 2019 to establish biennial budgeting in Jefferson County. After having promulgated three successive biennial budgets the County Budget Committee voted to revert to annual budgeting.

ANALYSIS:

Counties with biennial budgets may revert to annual budgets at the end of a biennial budget period pursuant to RCW 36.40.250 by repealing the enacting ordinance. The repealing ordinance must be considered by the legislative authority in a properly noticed public hearing. On May 19, 2025 the Board of County Commissioners approved a hearing notice to be published advertising a hearing on June 2, 2025. This notice was published in the paper of record on May 14 and 21, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance 03-0311-19.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

5/29/25
Date

STATE OF WASHINGTON
County of Jefferson

In the Matter of Repealing Ordinance 03-0311-19 and Chapter 3.01 Jefferson County Code (Biennial Budget)

ORDINANCE NO.

WHEREAS, Article XI, section 11 of the Washington Constitution, confers upon county legislative authorities the police power to adopt such local police, sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with general laws; and,

WHEREAS, Article XI, section 11 of the Washington Constitution is a direct delegation of the police power to cities and counties, and the power delegated is as extensive within their sphere as that possessed by the legislature; and,

WHEREAS, police power is that inherent and plenary power which enables prohibition of all things hurtful to the comfort, safety and welfare of society; and,

WHEREAS, the scope of police power is broad, encompassing all those measures which bear a reasonable and substantial relation to promotion of the general welfare of the people; and,

WHEREAS, Jefferson County, on March 11, 2019, adopted Ordinance 03-0311-19 which was codified as Jefferson County Code(JCC) Chapter 3.01 (Biennial Budget); and,

WHEREAS, after having promulgated three successive biennial budgets; and,

WHEREAS, the County Budget Committee voted to revert back to annual budgets; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 36.40.250 allows counties to revert to annual budgeting by repealing the ordinance establishing biennial budgeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Whereas Clauses are Findings of Fact. The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the above "Whereas" clauses as Findings of Fact supporting this ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose. Pursuant to the authority granted in RCW 36.40.250 the purpose of this ordinance is to repeal Ordinance 03-0311-19 which established biennial budgeting in Jefferson County and Chapter 3.01 JCC (Biennial Budget), where Ordinance 03-0311-19 is codified.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or section of this Resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Resolution or its application to other persons or circumstances shall be fully valid and shall not be affected.

Section 4. SEPA Categorical Exemption. This Ordinance is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act under WAC 197-11-800 (19).

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by the Board of County Commissioners.

(SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE)

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Heidi Eisenhour, Chair, District 2

Greg Brotherton, Member, District 3

Heather Dudley-Nollette, Member, District 1

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC Date
Clerk of the Board

Philip C. Hunsucker, Date
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney