

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

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Mark McCauley, County Administrator
DATE: May 19, 2025
SUBJECT: Hearing Notice, 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. The attached hearing notice will meet the public notice requirement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached hearing notice.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

5/15/25
Date

Please publish 2 times: May 14 and 21, 2025

Contact Person: Adiel McKnight
Bill to: Jefferson County Commissioners
P.O. Box 1220
Port Townsend, WA 98368

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 03-0311-19 and Chapter 3.01 Jefferson County Code (Biennial Budget)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing has been set by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners for **MONDAY, June 2, 2025 at 10:15 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Chambers, County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Notice of said public hearing is to be published in the official newspaper of Jefferson County.

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.

The ordinance is available for viewing on the County website by clicking on: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal (username and password is: public) – Board of Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packets – 2025 Weekly Agenda Items – 06 June 2025 - 060225 – HEARING re Biennial Budget

You are welcome to participate in this hearing. You will need to join the meeting by 10:15 a.m. using the following methods: **VIRTUALLY:** Via the following Zoom, link: <https://zoom.us/j/93777841705>, **PHONE:** Dial 1-253-215-8782 and enter access code: 937-7784-1705# and press *9 to “raise your hand” to be called upon. Access for the hearing impaired can be accommodated using Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6384, or **IN-PERSON:** In the BOCC Chambers. If you experience difficulties joining the meeting or viewing documents please call 360-385-9100 to report any issues.

In addition, written testimony is also invited beginning on May 14, 2025 and ending at the end of the Public Hearing, unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners. Written public testimony may be submitted by **Email to:** jeffbocc@co.jefferson.wa.us You may view testimony received by clicking here: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal (username and password is: public) – Board of Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packets – 2025 Weekly Agenda Items – 06 June 2025 – 060225 – HEARING re Biennial Budget

You can also **Mail** your testimony to: Jefferson County Commissioners' Office; P.O. Box 1220, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Written testimony must be received by the Board of County Commissioners by the end of the hearing testimony period.

Signed this 12th day of May, 2025

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/S/Heidi Eisenhour, Chair

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