

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED ACTION)
TO ADOPT A NEW SECTION TO TITLE 10 OF LEWIS)
COUNTY CODE SPECIFYING EXCEPTIONS TO THE)
REQUIREMENT TO MARK COUNTY VEHICLES)**

RESOLUTION NO. 15-024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Lewis County Board of Commissioners in the hearing room at 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, Washington on February 9, 2015 at or after 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, public notice of said hearing is required by law;

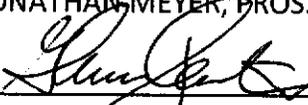
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the purpose of the public hearing is to take public testimony or written comment concerning a proposed ordinance specifying exceptions to the general requirement in state law to mark vehicles operated by local government agencies on public highways or used by local government agencies in the conduct of public business.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, posting and publication as required by law.

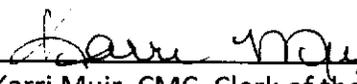
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a hearing is hereby scheduled for February 9, 2015 to take public testimony or written comment on the adoption of an ordinance adding a section to Title 10 of the Lewis County Code specifying exceptions to the general requirement of state law to mark vehicles operated by local government agencies on public highways or used by local government agencies in the conduct of public business. The exceptions are for Lewis County Sheriff Office vehicles used for general undercover or confidential investigative purposes and traffic control and for other Lewis County vehicles used for law enforcement purposes, confidential public health work, public assistance or fraud or support investigative purposes, pursuant to lease by the county on a casual basis for periods of less than ninety days, or pursuant to grant by the Director of Motor Vehicles for use with confidential plates for necessary personal security of a county officer or employee. Final Board of County Commissioners' action will take place following the public hearing.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION by the Board of County Commissioners this 26th day of January, 2015.

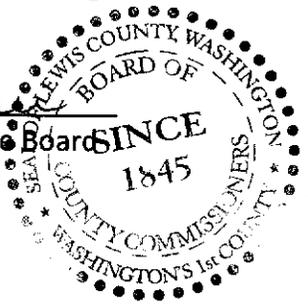
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JONATHAN MEYER, PROS. ATTORNEY



Glenn J. Carter, Deputy Prosecuting
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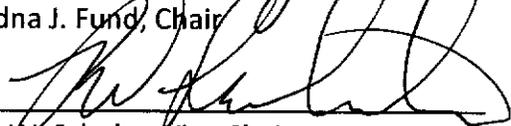
Karri Muir, CMC, Clerk of the Board



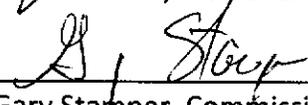
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADDING NEW SECTION TO LEWIS COUNTY CODE TITLE 10 RELATING TO UNMARKED COUNTY VEHICLES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)**, will hold a public hearing to receive public testimony regarding a proposal to add a section to Title 10 of the Lewis County Code specifying exceptions to the general requirement in state law to mark vehicles operated by local government agencies on public highways or used by local government agencies in the conduct of public business. The hearing will be on February 9, 2015 at the Lewis County Courthouse, commencing at or after 10:00 a.m.

At the hearing, members of the public will be invited to speak and/or provide written statements regarding the proposed Ordinance 1257. After the public testimony portion of the hearing has ended, the Commissioners will deliberate and consider proposed Ordinance 1257 along with the public testimony. Proposed Ordinance 1257 may then be adopted with or without modification.

The hearing will address the addition of a new chapter 36 to Lewis County Code Title 10 that has been recommended by the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. The proposed section LCC 10.36.010(A) implements the authority granted by the Legislature to the Board of County Commissioners to adopt exceptions to the general requirement in RCW 46.08.065 that the county mark vehicles used or operated by the county. The proposed, new section authorizes exceptions to marking requirements in accordance with RCW 46.08.065 - .066. Specifically, under the proposal, unmarked sheriff's vehicles may be used for *general* undercover or confidential investigative purposes and *traffic control* purposes in addition to the existing statutory authorization to use such vehicles for *special* undercover or confidential investigative purposes. Under the proposal, other unmarked county vehicles may be used for law enforcement purposes and confidential public health work, public assistance fraud or support investigative purposes. Further, under the proposal, vehicles leased by the county on a casual basis for period of less than ninety days will not need to be marked and vehicles granted confidential plates by the Director of Motor Vehicles for necessary personal security of a county officer or employee will not be marked. The proposed section LCC 10.36.010(B) reserves to the Board of County Commissioners the right to determine whether county vehicles are used for purposes listed in the exceptions enacted in LCC 10.36.010.

All persons wishing to be heard on this matter are encouraged to attend. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the hearing by mail or at the hearing by delivery in person. Please deliver copies of all written copies to the Clerk of the Board, Lewis County Board of County Commissioners at 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, WA 98532.

The draft ordinance is available on line at the Lewis County website at

<http://lewiscountywa.gov> Hard copies are available for review at the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office at 345 West Main Street, 2nd Floor, Chehalis, WA 98532.

For questions regarding the above, please contact Glenn Carter, Chief Civil Prosecuting Attorney, at 360-740-2767.

This meeting site is barrier free.

People needing special assistance or accommodations should contact The Commissioners' Office 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Phone: 360.740.1120

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