

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE
1372, WHICH WOULD REPEAL ORDINANCE 1354
AND REMOVE FROM LEWIS COUNTY CODE
CHAPTER 8.80, WHICH REGULATED STERILE
NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGES OPERATING
IN LEWIS COUNTY AND MADE VIOLATIONS OF
THE CHAPTER A CIVIL INFRACTION OR A
MISDEMEANOR

RESOLUTION NO. 26-027

WHEREAS, Lewis County established regulations for sterile needle and syringe exchanges operating in Lewis County via Ordinance 1354, which the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved on April 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a public hearing to consider and take public testimony regarding proposed Ordinance 1372, which would repeal Ordinance 1354 and remove from Lewis County Code Chapter 8.80, which regulated sterile needle and syringe exchanges operating in Lewis County and made violations of the chapter a civil infraction or a misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, the hearing will be held at or after 10 a.m. Feb. 10, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse at 351 N.W. North Street in Chehalis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCC will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners' Hearing Room in the Historic Courthouse at 351 NW North Street in Chehalis at or after 10 a.m. Feb. 10, 2026, to consider and take public testimony about proposed Ordinance 1372, which would repeal Ordinance 1354 and remove regulations for sterile needle and syringe exchanges operating in Lewis County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, postings and publications as required by law.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 27th day of January, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

David Bailey
By: David Bailey,
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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ATTEST:



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Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

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Rieva Lester, CMC,
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Sean D. Swope, Commissioner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC) will hold a public hearing to receive public testimony on proposed Ordinance 1372, which would repeal Ordinance 1354. Ordinance 1354 had been approved by the BOCC on April 16, 2024, and added Chapter 8.80 to Lewis County Code to regulate sterile needle and syringe exchanges operating in Lewis County and make violations of the chapter a civil infraction or a misdemeanor. Ordinance 1372 would repeal that ordinance and remove Chapter 8.80 from Lewis County Code.

The hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. Feb. 10, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington. Interested parties are encouraged to check the Commissioners' Business Meeting agenda for the Zoom log-in details. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting on the [Lewis County Agendas & Calendar webpage](#).

Details about the proposal will be available online at the agenda link provided above. Please select the agenda for Jan. 27 (Notice) or Feb. 10 (Hearing) to see the draft ordinance. The draft is subject to change before or at the hearing.

During the hearing, individuals will be invited to speak and/or provide written statements regarding the proposed changes. Written comment may be submitted in person at the BOCC, 351 NW North Street, Room 210, Chehalis, WA 98532 or via email at bocc@lewiscountywa.gov beginning at 11 a.m. Jan. 27, 2026. Written comment must be clearly marked "Written comment for Feb. 10, 2026, hearing" and must be received by 10 a.m. Feb. 8, 2026.

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The meeting site is barrier free. People needing special accommodation should contact the email shown above 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

BOCC AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Resolution: 26-027

BOCC Meeting Date: Jan. 27, 2026

Suggested Wording for Agenda Item:

Agenda Type: Legal Notice

Notice of hearing regarding Ordinance 1372, which would repeal Ordinance 1354 and remove from Lewis County Code Chapter 8.80, which regulated sterile needle and syringe exchanges operating in Lewis County and made violations of the chapter a civil infraction or a misdemeanor

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Description:

Notice of Hearing regarding Ordinance 1372, which would repeal Ordinance 1354 and remove from Lewis County Code Chapter 8.80, which regulated sterile needle and syringe exchanges operating in Lewis County and made violation of the chapter a civil infraction or a misdemeanor. The hearing will be Feb. 10, 2026.

Approvals:

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