

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 1381,
WHICH WOULD UPDATE MEMBERSHIP
GUIDELINES FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY LAW AND
JUSTICE COUNCIL UNDER CHAPTER 9.20 OF
LEWIS COUNTY CODE

RESOLUTION NO. 26-185

WHEREAS, as allowed per RCW 72.09.300, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) established a Law and Justice Council in Chapter 9.20 of Lewis County Code via Ordinance 1200 (June 2008) and updated it via Ordinances 1282 (November 2017) and 1335 (August 2022); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.20.030, which establishes the membership of the 24-member council, identifies a non-existent group – the Lewis County Police Chiefs' Association – and also does not identify any representatives from the local fire-fighting profession; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County is considering approval of Ordinance 1381 to correct the group from which law enforcement representatives are selected and to expand the council's membership to include representation from the local fire-fighting profession; and

WHEREAS, the hearing for proposed Ordinance 1381 will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. July 7, 2026, at which time the public can comment on the proposal. Written comment also 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 10 a.m. June 16, 2026. Written comment must be clearly marked "Written comment for Ordinance 1381" and must be received by 10 a.m. July 5, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCC (1) will hold a hearing regarding proposed Ordinance 1381 at or after 10 a.m. July 7, 2026; and (2) directs the Clerk of the Board to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, postings and publications as required by law.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 16th day of June, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Karin Phomma
By: Karin Phomma,
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM
Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

ATTEST:



Scott J. Brummer
Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, CMC
Rieva Lester, CMC,
Clerk of the Lewis County Board of
County Commissioners

Sean D. Swope
Sean D. Swope, Commissioner

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Notice is hereby given that the Lewis County, Wash., Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a public hearing to receive public testimony on proposed Ordinance 1381, which would update membership guidelines for the Lewis County Law and Justice Council under Chapter 9.20 of Lewis County Code.

The hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. July 7, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse at 351 N.W. North Street in Chehalis, Washington. Interested parties are encouraged to check the BOCC 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 Board of County Commissioners' Lewis County Agendas & Calendar webpage. Details about the proposal are available online: Please select the agenda for June 16, 2026 (Notice) or July 7, 2026 (Hearing) to see the draft proposal. The draft is subject to change before or at the hearing. The full text of the proposed ordinance will be mailed upon request.

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 10 a.m. June 16, 2026. Written comment must be clearly marked "Written comment for Ordinance 1381" and must be received by 10 a.m. July 5, 2026.

The meeting site is barrier free. Anyone who needs special accommodation or who would like the proposal mailed to them should contact the BOCC at 360-740-1120 or bocc@lewiscountywa.gov at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing.

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

**REVISE CHAPTER 9.20 OF COUNTY CODE TO UPDATE MEMBERSHIP
OF THE LEWIS COUNTY LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL**

ORDINANCE 1381

WHEREAS, as allowed per RCW 72.09.300, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners established a Law and Justice Council in Chapter 9.20 of Lewis County Code via Ordinance 1200 (June 2008) and updated it via Ordinances 1282 (November 2017) and 1335 (August 2022); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.20.030, which establishes the membership of the 24-member council, identifies a non-existent group – the Lewis County Police Chiefs’ Association – and also does not identify any representatives from the local fire-fighting profession; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the public’s best interest to update county code to correctly identify the group from which law enforcement representatives are selected and to also add representation from the local fire-fighting profession.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the BOCC hereby updates Section 9.20.030 Members of Lewis County code as follows, effective immediately:

- Replaces Section 9.20.030(3) with the following: “Two representatives from local police departments as selected by the police chiefs in Lewis County, provided that one of the representatives shall be from either the city of Centralia or Chehalis;”
- Adds Section 9.20.030(20) as follows: “Two representatives from local fire departments as selected by the fire chiefs in Lewis County, provided that one of the representatives shall be from either the city of Centralia or Chehalis.”

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 7th day of July 2026, following a hearing published in the newspaper of record on June 18, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

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

By David Bailey, Chief Civil DPA

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

ATTEST:

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Sean D. Swope, Commissioner

BOCC AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Resolution: 26-185

BOCC Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

Suggested Wording for Agenda Item:

Agenda Type: Legal Notice

Notice of hearing for Ordinance 1381, which would update membership guidelines for the Lewis County Law and Justice Council under Chapter 9.20 of Lewis County Code

Contact: Rieva Lester

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Department: BOCC - Board of County Commissioners

Description:

Notice of hearing for Ordinance 1381 which would update Chapter 9.20 of Lewis County Code to update membership of the Lewis County Law and Justice Council

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