BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

APPROVE AMEDMENTS TO CHAPTER 2.40, STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC DEFENSE, OF THE LEWIS COUNTY CODE	**)** **)** **)** **)**	**ORDINANCE 1341**

WHEREAS, Lewis County periodically reviews and evaluates the Lewis County Code to ensure it is in conformance with federal and Washington State laws and rules; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2022, the Washington State Supreme Court adopted new General Rule ('GR") 42 and amendments to Criminal Rules 3.1, Juvenile Court Rules 9.2, and Criminal Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction 3.1 for the purpose of creating greater independence in public defense services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to GR 42(a), Lewis County Superior Court and Lewis County District Court shall no longer be permitted after December 31, 2022 to "control the selection of public defense administrators or the attorneys who provide public defense services, the management and oversight of public defense services, and the assignment of attorneys in individual cases" as a measure to prevent conflicts of interest by the judges of superior courts and courts of limited jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, through the Department of Human Resources and Risk shall perform those tasks and functions no longer permitted by the court; and

WHEREAS, the code amendments shown in Exhibits A are consistent with Washington State Supreme Court GR 42; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2022, the BOCC passed Res. 22-383 to hold a public hearing on Ordinance 1341 and directed the Clerk of the Board to provide notice of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County BOCC held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed amendments to Chapter 2.40 LCC on December 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners finds that the proposed amendments to Chapter 2.40, Standards for Public Defense Services, LCC best serves the residents of Lewis County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the amendments to the Chapter 2.40, Standards for Public Defense Services, LCC as shown in Exhibits A; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners hereby delegates to the Clerk of the Board direct those adopted changes be published.
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PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS _____ DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

By: Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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