



# City of Chehalis

## Department of Community Development

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Board of County Commissioners  
Lewis County  
351 NW North St  
Chehalis, WA 98532

Subject: 2045 Population Allocation

The City of Chehalis is formally requesting reconsideration of the 2045 population allocation adopted by Lewis County for the City of Chehalis and its urban growth area. The current adopted projected figure is 23,000 residents. However, after careful review and analysis, we are asking to revise this projection downward to 13,500 residents.

The Land Capacity Analysis completed by SCJ Alliance for the City of Chehalis and surrounding urban growth areas calculated a capacity to accommodate an additional 3,754 residents within both the city and urban growth area. Our estimated population in 2022 was 7,365 within City Limits, and 2,480 in the UGA, totaling 9,845 residents. Therefore, the estimated number of residents that could be accommodated within the City and its UGA with current boundaries and regulations, is 13,599.

City staff presented this information to Chehalis City Council on Monday July 22, 2024, and staff were directed to request the County to reduce the adopted 2024 population allocation to 13,500.

I would be happy to discuss this matter further and provide additional information to support this request. Thank you for considering my proposal. I look forward to a favorable response from the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Malissa Paulsen'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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