

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

APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE LEWIS COUNTY CODE	)	
RELATED TO FAMILY BURIAL GROUNDS IN ACCORDANCE	)	
WITH SHB 2239	)	ORDINANCE XXXX
	)	

WHEREAS, SHB 2239 establishes provisions for the designation and regulation of family burial grounds and authorizes counties to regulate or prohibit family burial grounds by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Lewis County Code are intended to establish regulations for family burial grounds consistent with the authority provided under SHB 2239 and Chapter 68.74 RCW; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments provide a local regulatory framework for family burial grounds within unincorporated Lewis County while addressing applicable land use, public health, safety, and other regulatory considerations; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held by the Lewis County Planning Commission on August 11, 2026, at which the Planning Commission considered testimony and voted to approve a recommendation, Exhibit A, for transmittal to the Board of County Commissioners concerning family burial grounds; and

WHEREAS, following consideration of the Planning Commission recommendation, staff recommendation, and testimony received at the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners considered the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 26-190 establishing a six-month moratorium on establishing family burial grounds in unincorporated Lewis County to allow the County time to review applicable state law and develop appropriate local regulations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that Resolution No. 26-190, establishing a six-month moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications for family burial grounds in unincorporated Lewis County, is hereby rescinded, and the moratorium is terminated upon the effective date of this ordinance; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the amendments to the Lewis County Code regarding family burial grounds, as shown in Exhibit A.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS _____ DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Lyndsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

ATTEST:

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Sean D. Swope, Commissioner