

**WHATCOM HUMANE SOCIETY  
PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS  
April 2018**

**AMENDING THE BY-LAWS:**

**ARTICLE XII, Amendment of Bylaws, currently reads:**

“These bylaws may be amended at any board meeting by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the directors, provided that proposed amendments are brought to the board and then made public at least 45 days prior to the vote, to allow for comments from the membership.”

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CURRENT BYLAWS:**

**ARTICLE V, Board of Directors, Section 3. Term of Office, subsection C:**

**Currently Reads:** “A director may serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive three-year terms and may stand for election or be appointed to the board after a one (1) year absence from the board.”

**Proposed Amendment:** “There is no limit on the number of consecutive three-year terms a director may serve, provided the director is nominated by the nominations and elections committee, supported by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those board members whose terms will not expire at the next general membership meeting, and elected pursuant to Article VI, Section 4.”

**Reason for Proposed Amendment:** Positively-contributing board members should not have to leave the board if they are willing and able to continue serving.

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If you have comments or questions about the proposed changes to the bylaws, please contact: [director@whatcomhumane.org](mailto:director@whatcomhumane.org) or call (360) 733-2080, ext # 3026.