**PROPOSED BY:** Executive INTRODUCTION DATE: November 6, 2019

| <b>ORDINANCE</b> | NO. |
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## **ORDINANCE LIMITING THE 2020** GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, the County Council has approved a budget for the 2019–2020 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures on November 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the County Council, in the course of considering the mid-biennium review and modification has reviewed all sources of revenue and examined all anticipated expenses and obligations; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council has determined it is not necessary to increase the General Fund property tax levy for 2020,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Whatcom County Council that amounts collected through the County general levy shall be limited to the amount of 2019 taxes, increased for the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property. A property tax increase in addition to the amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property is hereby authorized for the 2020 levy in the amount of \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year.

| ADOPTED this day of             | , 2019                        |
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| ATTEST:                         | WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL        |
| ATTEST:                         | WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON    |
| Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk | Rud Brown, Council Chair      |
| APPROVED AS TO FORM:            | ( ) APPROVED ( ) NOT APPROVED |
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| Civil Deputy Prosecutor         | Jack Louws, Executive         |
|                                 | Date:                         |