

**PROPOSED BY:** Executive  
**INTRODUCTION DATE:** November 6, 2024

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES**  
**FOR CONSERVATION FUTURES PURPOSES FOR 2025**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10 the County Executive is required to submit for Council consideration a budget and proposed tax and revenue ordinances necessary to raise sufficient revenues to balance the budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County Council has approved a budget for the 2025-2026 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures on November 19, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County Council has determined it is necessary to increase the Conservation Futures Fund property tax levy 1% for 2025 to fund essential services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County Council held a public hearing regarding the county biennial budget which included property taxes, and other revenues;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED** by the Whatcom County Council that that an increase in the County Conservation Futures levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2025 tax year. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$13,943, which is a percentage increase of 1% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, and any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

ATTEST:

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Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Christopher Quinn* electronically authorized 11/18/2024

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Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

Date: \_\_\_\_\_