



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

File Number: AB2021-733

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| <b>Assigned to:</b>  | Council    | <b>Final Action:</b> | 12/07/2021                           |                |         |
| <b>Agenda Date:</b>  | 12/07/2021 | <b>Enactment #:</b>  | ORD 2021-085                         |                |         |

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### TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for Conservation Futures Purposes for 2022

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10, this ordinance requests authorization to levy taxes for Conservation Futures purposes in 2022 (alternate version proposed for introduction 11.23.2021)

### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Acting Body:</b> | <b>Action:</b>                               | <b>Sent To:</b> |
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| 11/23/2021   | Council             | INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING                | Council         |
|              |                     | Aye: 4 Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, and Frazey |                 |
|              |                     | Nay: 3 Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner          |                 |
|              |                     | Absent: 0                                    |                 |
| 12/07/2021   | Council             | ADOPTED                                      |                 |
|              |                     | Aye: 4 Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, and Frazey |                 |
|              |                     | Nay: 3 Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner          |                 |
|              |                     | Absent: 0                                    |                 |

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**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance (\$100K)

**PROPOSED BY:** Executive  
**INTRODUCTION DATE:** November 23, 2021

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-085**  
**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES**  
**FOR CONSERVATION FUTURES PURPOSES FOR 2022**

**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 2021-2022 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures on November 24, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS,** the County Council has determined it is necessary to increase the Conservation Futures Fund property tax levy for 2022; 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 amounts collected through the County Conservation Futures levy shall be increased \$100,000 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. 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 2022 levy in the amount of \$100,000, which is a percentage increase of 8.6% from the previous year.

**ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021

ATTEST:  
  
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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email/K Frakes/M Caldwell

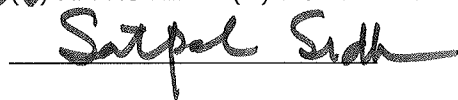
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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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Satpal Singh Sidhu Executive

Date: 12/13/21