

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CONSERVATION FUTURES PURPOSES FOR 2024, IN AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF 5.6% FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR

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 2023-2024 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures on November 22, 2022; 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 necessary to increase the Conservation Futures Fund property tax levy for 2024 to support additional conservation acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing regarding the county biennial budget and mid-biennium review, 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 \$73,605.75 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 2024 levy in the amount of \$73,605.75, which is a percentage increase of 5.6% from the previous year.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 20____.

ATTEST: WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM: () APPROVED () NOT APPROVED

Approved by email / C Quinn 10/25/23
Christopher Quinn Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

Date Signed: _____