



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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**TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Ordinance limiting the General Fund property tax levy

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

The proposed ordinance adopts the Whatcom County 2021 property tax levy

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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
11/10/2020	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING Aye: 6 Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner Nay: 1 Elenbaas Absent: 0	Council
11/24/2020	Council	ADOPTED Aye: 4 Browne, Buchanan, Elenbaas, and Kershner Nay: 3 Byrd, Donovan, and Frazey Absent: 0	

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**Attachments:** 2021 Tax Levy GF Levy Limit ordinance

PROPOSED BY: Executive  
INTRODUCTION DATE: November 10, 2020

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-065

**ORDINANCE LIMITING THE 2021  
GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

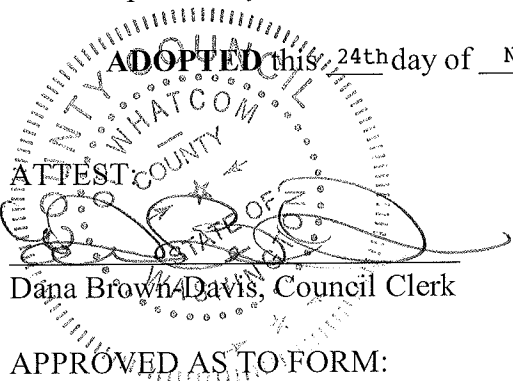
**WHEREAS**, the County Council has approved a budget for the 2021-2022 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures on November 24, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council has determined it is not necessary to increase the General Fund property tax levy for 2021; and,

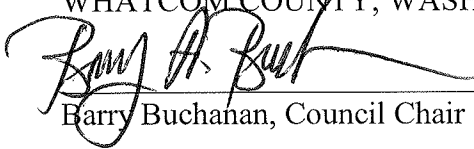
**WHEREAS**, the County Council held a public hearing regarding the county biennial budget which included property tax rates, and other revenues;

**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 2020 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 2021 levy in the amount of \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year.

ADOPTED this 24th day of November, 2020

ATTEST:   
Dana Brown Davis, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED ( ) NOT APPROVED

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Quinn per email 10/30/2020  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

  
Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

Date: 11/30/2020