



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures for 2024, in an increased amount of 5.6% from the previous year

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

This ordinance authorizes the amount collected through the County Conservation Futures levy in 2024 to be increased by 5.6% over 2023, 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.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
11/08/2023	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING Aye: 6 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner Nay: 1 Elenbaas	Council
11/08/2023	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
11/21/2023	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	DISCUSSED	
11/21/2023	Council	ADOPTED Aye: 4 Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Kershner	

Absent: 1 Byrd

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Fund information

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-064

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;

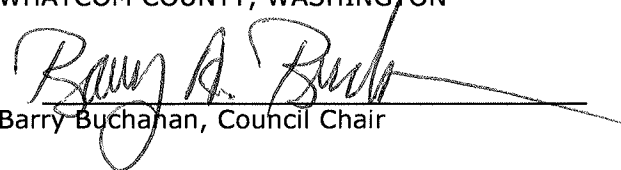
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Whatcom County Council that amounts collected through the County Conservation Futures levy shall be increased \$73,605.75 in addition to the amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the 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 21st day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:


Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council


WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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: 11/22/23