

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF 2023**  
**PROPERTY TAXES FOR COUNTY ROAD PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10 the County Executive is required to submit for Council consideration 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 has determined it is not necessary to increase the Road Fund property tax levy for 2023; and,

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED** by the Whatcom County Council that the amounts collected through the County Road levy shall be limited to the amount of 2022 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 2023 levy in the amount of \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED**, that the Whatcom County Council does hereby authorize diverting \$1,156,530 of the County Road District levy for the budget year 2023 to the General Fund. Diverted County Road Taxes are to be used for traffic law enforcement in the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Todd Donovan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Approved by email/K Frakes/M Caldwell  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

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