

**PROPOSED BY:** Executive  
**INTRODUCTION DATE:** November 8, 2023

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES**  
**FOR CONSERVATION FUTURES PURPOSES FOR 2024**

**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 not necessary to increase the Conservation Futures Fund property tax levy for 2024; 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 limited to the amount of 2023 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 2024 levy in the amount of \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Approved by email / C Quinn 10/25/23  
Christopher Quinn  
Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

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