



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Report

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### TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for Countywide Emergency Medical Purposes for 2024

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

The proposed ordinance authorizes the 2024 levy of taxes for Countywide Emergency Medical Purposes

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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>
11/08/2023	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: 6 Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Byrd	

**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance

PROPOSED BY: Executive  
INTRODUCTION DATE: November 8, 2023

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-066**  
**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES**  
**FOR COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL 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 Countywide Emergency Medical Fund property tax levy for 2024, and,

**WHEREAS**, the County Council has held public hearings regarding the county biennial budget and mid-biennium review, which included property tax revenues, and other revenues;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED** by the Whatcom County Council that amounts collected through the Countywide Emergency Medical 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 21st day of November, 2023

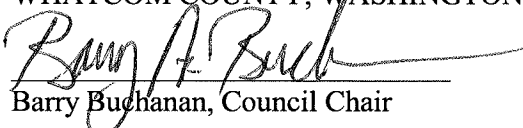
ATTEST

  
Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED     NOT APPROVED

  
Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

Date: 11/22/23