



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures purposes for 2025

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10, this ordinance requests authorization to levy taxes for Conservation Futures purposes in 2025.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
11/06/2024	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler Nay: 0	Council
11/19/2024	Council	ADOPTED Aye: 4 Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon Nay: 3 Byrd, Elenbaas, and Stremler	

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Notice of Hearing after 11.6.2024

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: November 6, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-060
**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES
FOR CONSERVATION FUTURES PURPOSES FOR 2025**

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 2025-2026 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures on November 19, 2024; and,

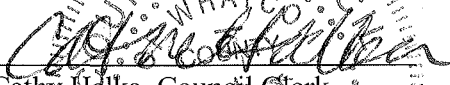
WHEREAS, the County Council has determined it is necessary to increase the Conservation Futures Fund property tax levy 1% for 2025 to fund essential services; and,

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


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Whatcom County Council that that an increase in the County Conservation Futures levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2025 tax year. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$13,943, which is a percentage increase of 1% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, and any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

ADOPTED this 19th day of November, 2024

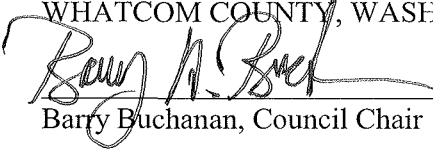
ATTEST:


Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

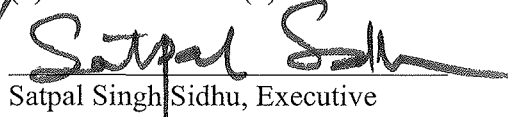
APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Christopher Quinn, electronically authorized 11/18/2024
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED () NOT APPROVED


Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

Date: November 25, 2024