

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: November 09, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. _____
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES
FOR COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PURPOSES FOR 2023

WHEREAS, the 2016 six-year emergency medical levy approved by the Whatcom County electorate expires December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council approved Ordinance 2022-055 authorizing a proposition renewing the levy of a regular property tax each year for six years, collection beginning in 2023, at a rate of \$.295 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to continue to provide emergency medical services, and

WHEREAS, the proposition will be considered by Whatcom County voters on November 8, 2022 and the election results will be certified on November 29, 2022, and

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 has determined it is necessary to levy 2023 property taxes in the amount of \$13,235,000 to fund the countywide emergency medical services, and,

WHEREAS, the County Council has held public hearings regarding the county 2023-2024 biennial budget which included property tax revenues, and other revenues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Whatcom County Council that the Countywide Emergency Medical levy is hereby authorized for the 2023 levy in the amount of \$13,235,000.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Approved by email/C Quinn/B Bennett
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

Date: _____