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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance authorizing a revised system of assessment for Drainage Improvement District No. 7

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

This ordinance would adopt a revised system of assessment to provide revenue for the Drainage Improvement District No. 7. The existing method of assessment is based solely on a relative ratio per acre per lot and does not take into consideration the greater contribution of runoff from and the greater benefit associated with conveying runoff away from a higher value asset within the District. The proposed system of assessment will be based on a combination of a relative ratio per acre (including minimum fee for lots smaller than one-acre) and a relative ratio of improvement value (per Assessor) per lot within the District. The revised system is being proposed to improve the equity of property assessments

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
04/11/2023	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	
05/09/2023	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	

Attachments: Memo, Ordinance, Roll Compare

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PROPOSED BY: PUBLIC WORKS
SPONSORED BY: PUBLIC WORKS
INTRODUCTION DATE: April 11, 2023

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 027

**FINALIZING A REVISED SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENT FOR
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 7**

WHEREAS, the governing body of Drainage Improvement District No. 7, at their meeting held on March 4, 2022 for said District, supported revising the existing system of assessment for said District to improve the equity of assessments; and

WHEREAS, the existing system of assessment is based solely on a relative ratio per acre per lot and does not take into consideration the greater contribution of runoff from and the greater benefit associated with conveying runoff away from a higher value asset within the District; and

WHEREAS, a revised preliminary system of assessment for Drainage Improvement District No. 7 has been prepared by the County Engineer (see attached) and public notice has been provided, as required by RCW 85.38.160 (2); and

WHEREAS, the revised system of assessment will be based on a combination of a relative ratio per acre per lot (including minimum fee for lots smaller than one-acre) and a relative ratio of improvement value (per Assessor) per lot within the District; and

WHEREAS, said system of assessment will improve the equity of assessments; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said system of assessment was scheduled for and held on May 9, 2023;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the system of assessment for Drainage Improvement District No. 7, prepared by the County Engineer and/or changed by the County Council, is just and equitable. Accordingly, the system of assessment, as attached, is hereby approved and finalized and the assessments set forth are hereby levied for each parcel of land in said District; provided that any parcel assessment that is less than the cost of billing and collection shall be cancelled if no other tax, fee, or assessment is levied against the parcel. Initially, the cost of billing and collection shall be deemed to be one dollar (\$1.00) with any increase subject to agreement of the County Treasurer and County Engineer.

ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2023.

ATTEST:


Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council


APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Christopher Quinn
(electronically authorized 3/21/23)

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
() Approved () Denied
Date Signed: 5/11/23