

1 PROPOSED BY: PUBLIC WORKS  
2 SPONSORED BY: PUBLIC WORKS  
3 INTRODUCTION DATE: April 11, 2023  
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7 **ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
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9 **FINALIZING A REVISED SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENT FOR**  
10 **DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 7**  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the governing body of Drainage Improvement District No. 7, at  
14 their meeting held on March 4, 2022 for said District, supported revising the existing  
15 system of assessment for said District to improve the equity of assessments; and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the existing system of assessment is based solely on a relative  
18 ratio per acre per lot and does not take into consideration the greater contribution of  
19 runoff from and the greater benefit associated with conveying runoff away from a  
20 higher value asset within the District; and  
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22 **WHEREAS**, a revised preliminary system of assessment for Drainage  
23 Improvement District No. 7 has been prepared by the County Engineer (see attached)  
24 and public notice has been provided, as required by RCW 85.38.160 (2); and  
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26 **WHEREAS**, the revised system of assessment will be based on a combination  
27 of a relative ratio per acre per lot (including minimum fee for lots smaller than one-  
28 acre) and a relative ratio of improvement value (per Assessor) per lot within the  
29 District; and  
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31 **WHEREAS**, said system of assessment will improve the equity of  
32 assessments; and  
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34 **WHEREAS**, a public hearing on said system of assessment was scheduled for  
35 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 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive  
( ) Approved ( ) Denied  
Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_