

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ESTABLISHING A NEW WHATCOM COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION FUND

WHEREAS, the [Whatcom County Climate Action Plan](#) was adopted by the Whatcom County Council on November 9, 2021, through [Resolution 2021-049](#); and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County will seek local, state, and federal funding opportunities in order to carry out activities in the Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, initial climate action expenditures include but are not limited to climate action staffing, urban forestry carbon sequestration projects, and sea-level rise planning; and

WHEREAS, as State and Federal funding opportunities are released, Whatcom County expects to utilize Real Estate Excise Tax revenue and other local funding sources as match for grants, with an initial emphasis on electrification and solar for county facilities and fleet; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to establish a dedicated fund to track climate-related revenue and expenses across activities and County departments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that a new fund is hereby established titled Climate Action Fund, to operate beginning January 1, 2024. This fund shall be used to account for revenue and expenditures associated with climate action programs; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the Climate Action Fund is approved with an initial budget of \$297,119 as described in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 20____.

ATTEST:	WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council	Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:	WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Christopher Quinn (via email 10/23/23)	
Civil Deputy Prosecutor	Satpal S. Sidhu, County Executive

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Date Signed: _____

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