

ORDINANCE NO. _____
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES
FOR CONSERVATION FUTURES PURPOSES FOR 2024

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, in the course of considering the mid-biennium review and modification has reviewed all sources of revenue and examined all anticipated expenses and obligations; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has determined it is ~~not~~ necessary to increase the Conservation Futures Fund property tax levy for 2024 to support additional conservation acquisitions; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Whatcom County Council that amounts collected through the County Conservation Futures levy shall be increased \$73,605.75 in addition to the amount resulting from ~~limited to the amount of 2023 taxes;~~ increased for the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property. A property tax increase, in addition to the amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, is hereby authorized for the 2024 levy in the amount of \$73,605.75 ~~0~~, which is a percentage increase of 5.6% from the previous year.

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:

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Approved by email / C Quinn 11/16/2023
Christopher Quinn
Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

Date Signed: _____