



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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### TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Countywide Emergency Medical purposes for 2025

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

The proposed ordinance authorizes the 2025 levy of taxes for Countywide Emergency Medical Purposes.

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### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
11/06/2024	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier	
		Nay: 0	
11/19/2024	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 4 Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 3 Byrd, Elenbaas, and Stremier	

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**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance, Notice of Hearing after 11.6.2024, Memo - County Prosecutor's Office 11.15.2024

PROPOSED BY: Executive  
INTRODUCTION DATE: November 6, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-059  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES  
FOR COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PURPOSES FOR 2025

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 2025-2026 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures on November 19, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council has determined it is necessary to increase the Countywide Emergency Medical Fund property tax levy 1% for 2025 to fund essential services, and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Whatcom County Council that an increase in the Countywide Emergency Medical property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2025 tax year. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$133,949, which is a percentage increase of 1% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, and any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

ADOPTED this 19th day of November, 2024

ATTEST

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher Quinn

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

electronically  
authorized  
11/21/24

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

☒ APPROVED ☐ NOT APPROVED

Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

Date: November 25, 2024