

**PROPOSED BY:** Executive  
**INTRODUCTION DATE:** November 6, 2019

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES**  
**FOR COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PURPOSES FOR 2020**

**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 voters of Whatcom County approved a countywide emergency medical property tax levy for collection beginning in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council has approved a budget for the 2019–2020 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures on November 20, 2018; 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 Countywide Emergency Medical Fund property tax levy for 2020,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED** by the Whatcom County Council that amounts collected through the Countywide Emergency Medical levy shall be limited to the amount of 2019 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 2020 levy in the amount of \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Rud Browne, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Civil Deputy Prosecutor

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Jack Louws, Executive  
Date: