



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Report

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### TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for County Road Purposes for 2024

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10, this ordinance requests authorization to levy taxes for County Road purposes in 2024

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### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
11/08/2023	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING Aye: 6 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner Nay: 1 Elenbaas	Council
11/08/2023	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
11/21/2023	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	DISCUSSED	
11/21/2023	Council	ADOPTED Aye: 6 Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Byrd	

**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance

PROPOSED BY: Executive  
INTRODUCTION DATE: November 8, 2023

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-065**  
**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF 2024**  
**PROPERTY TAXES FOR COUNTY ROAD PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10 the County Executive is required to submit for Council consideration 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 Road Fund property tax levy for 2024; and,


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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED** by the Whatcom County Council that the amounts collected through the County Road levy shall be 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 \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED**, that the Whatcom County Council does hereby authorize diverting \$1,156,530 of the County Road District levy for the budget year 2024 to the General Fund. Diverted County Road Taxes are to be used for traffic law enforcement in the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County.

ADOPTED this 21st day of November, 2023.

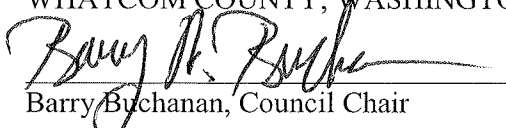
ATTEST:

  
Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

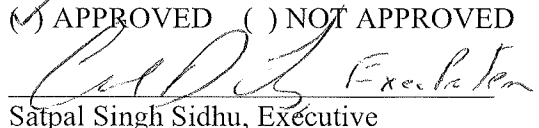
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email / C Quinn 10/25/23  
Christopher Quinn  
Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED ( ) NOT APPROVED

  
Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive

Date: 11/22/23