

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES
FOR COUNTY AND STATE PURPOSES
IN WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON,
FOR THE YEAR OF 2021**

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 2021-2022 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures on November 24, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council has determined it is not necessary to increase the General Fund property tax levy for 2021 to fund essential county services; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing regarding the biennial county budget which included property tax rates, and other revenues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Whatcom County Council:

- (A) The property taxes for Whatcom County are hereby levied and are to be charged to the assessment and tax rolls of Whatcom County; and,
- (B) Property taxes are levied in 2020 for collection in 2021; and,
- (C) The amounts collected through the County general levy shall be limited to the amount of 2020 taxes increased for the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property; and,

(D) Because the State of Washington is currently unable to provide the figures and documentation necessary to establish fixed levy rates, as these figures do become available from the state, levies shall be fixed per "Exhibit A" which shall be prepared by the County Assessor, and attached and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the taxes to be levied against parcels of property within the Diking Districts, Drainage Districts, and Drainage Improvement Districts are to be credited to the individual maintenance funds for the year 2021, and the amounts to be apportioned to the original assessments for construction in said districts are as follows per "Exhibit B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if the Washington State Legislature changes any laws affecting levies contained herein, and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office concurs, the Whatcom County administration will change such levies accordingly.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

() APPROVED () NOT APPROVED

Chris Quinn per email 10/30/2020
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Satpal Singh Sidhu , Executive

Date: _____

**EXHIBIT A WILL BE
AVAILABLE AFTER THE
FIRST OF THE YEAR 2021**