PROPOSED BY: <u>Executive</u>
INTRODUCTION DATE: November 9, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. _____ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CONSERVATION FUTURES PURPOSES FOR 2023

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 has determined it is not necessary to increase the Conservation Futures Fund property tax levy for 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing regarding the county biennial budget 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 limited to the amount of 2022 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 2023 levy in the amount of \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year.

ADOPTED this day of	, 2022
ATTEST:	WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk	Todd Donovan, Council Chair
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	() APPROVED () NOT APPROVED
Approved by email/C Quinn/M Caldwell Civil Deputy Prosecutor	Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive
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