

1 APPROVED: 11/10/20  
2 EFFECTIVE: 12/03/20

3 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
4 Snohomish County, Washington

5  
6 ORDINANCE NO. 20-063

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8 RELATING TO PROPERTY TAXES;  
9 FIXING THE 2021 ROAD PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND  
10 PRESERVING FUTURE LEVY CAPACITY  
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13 WHEREAS, the 2021 budget for Snohomish County contains detailed listings of  
14 various revenues, including property taxes; and  
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16 WHEREAS, a preliminary estimated assessed value of taxable real property in  
17 unincorporated Snohomish County is \$65.78 billion which is subject to adjustment for  
18 senior citizens exemptions as provided for in RCW 84.36.381, omitted assessments as  
19 provided for in RCW 84.40.080, and other adjustments as provided by law; and  
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21 WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 84.55 RCW a taxing jurisdiction may levy  
22 property taxes in an amount no greater than the highest regular tax which could have  
23 been lawfully levied beginning with the 1985 levy multiplied by a limit factor; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the limit factor for taxing jurisdictions with a population of 10,000 or  
26 greater is the lesser of 101% or 100% plus inflation, which, as of August 30, 2020, has  
27 been determined to be less than 101% for 2021; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that there is a need for an  
30 increase in the 2021 road property tax levy within the limits imposed by chapter 84.55  
31 RCW as authorized by separate ordinance pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the County Council desires to protect the County's future levy  
34 capacity pursuant to RCW 84.55.092; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the property tax levy set out in Section 1 is intended to include  
37 additional amounts, if any, that may be allowed under the new construction, increases in  
38 assessed value due to construction of wind turbine facilities, improvements to property  
39 and state-assessed property provisions of RCW 84.55.010 and, as provided pursuant to  
40 RCW 84.55.070, the refund provisions of Chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW; and  
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42 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council finds that the levy of road property  
43 taxes set forth in this ordinance is in the best interests of the County.  
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45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:  
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Clerk of the Council

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DATE: 11/23/2020

  
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County Executive

ATTEST:

  
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Approved as to form only:

/s/ George B Marsh 9/24/20  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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