

1 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
2 Snohomish County, Washington

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4 ORDINANCE NO. 24-078

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6 RELATING TO PROPERTY TAXES;  
7 FIXING THE 2025 CONSERVATION FUTURES PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR  
8 SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND PRESERVING FUTURE LEVY CAPACITY  
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11 WHEREAS, the 2025 budget for Snohomish County contains detailed listings of  
12 various revenues, including property taxes; and  
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14 WHEREAS, a preliminary estimated assessed value of taxable real property in  
15 Snohomish County is \$214.7 billion which is subject to adjustment for senior citizens  
16 exemptions as provided for in RCW 84.36.381, omitted assessments as provided for in  
17 RCW 84.40.080, and other adjustments as provided by law; and  
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19 WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 84.55 RCW a taxing jurisdiction may levy  
20 property taxes in an amount no greater than the highest regular tax which could have  
21 been lawfully levied beginning with the 1985 levy multiplied by a limit factor; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the limit factor for taxing jurisdictions with a population of 10,000 or  
24 greater is the lesser of 101% or 100% plus inflation, which, as of August 30, 2024, has  
25 been determined to be more than 101% for 2025; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that there is a need for an  
28 increase in the 2025 conservation futures tax levy within the limits imposed by chapter  
29 84.55 RCW as authorized by separate ordinance pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the County Council desires to protect the County's future levy  
32 capacity pursuant to RCW 84.55.092; and  
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34 WHEREAS, the property tax levy set out in Section 1 is intended to include  
35 additional amounts, if any, that may be allowed under new construction, increases in  
36 assessed value due to construction of wind turbine facilities, improvements to property  
37 and state-assessed property provisions of RCW 84.55.010 and, as provided pursuant to  
38 RCW 84.55.070, the refund provisions of chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW; and  
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40 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council finds that the levy of conservation  
41 futures property taxes set forth in this ordinance is in the best interests of the County;  
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2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:  
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4 Section 1. The annual amount of conservation futures property tax levy  
5 necessary to raise the amount of revenues required by Snohomish County for  
6 expenditure during calendar year 2025 is hereby levied upon all real and personal  
7 property subject to taxation in Snohomish County as set forth in the table below.  
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9 2025 CONSERVATION FUTURES PROPERTY TAX LEVY  
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Use of Funds	Estimated Levy Rate	Levy Amount
Conservation Futures Levy	.0220	\$4,713,587

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12 Section 2. The amount set forth in Section 1 is hereby levied upon all real and  
13 personal property in accordance with certified assessed values and the completed tax  
14 rolls of Snohomish County for collection in 2025. That estimated conservation futures  
15 property tax levy amount is intended:  
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17 (a) to include an increase above the County's 2024 levy amount as  
18 authorized by separate ordinance pursuant to RCW 84.55.120  
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20 (b) to include any additional amounts allowed under (i) the new  
21 construction, increases in assessed value due to construction of wind turbine  
22 facilities, improvements to property and state-assessed property provisions of  
23 RCW 84.55.010 and, (ii) as provided pursuant to RCW 84.55.070, the refund  
24 provisions of chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW, and  
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26 (c) to exclude any amounts in excess of 101% of the 2025 levy amount  
27 plus those additional amounts described in paragraph (b) above,  
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29 and shall be adjusted by the County Assessor when property values are certified.  
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31 Section 3. Any unused conservation futures property tax levy capacity for the  
32 2025 tax year is reserved for future levy as provided by RCW 84.55.092.  
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PASSED this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2024.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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County Executive

ATTEST:

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Approved as to form only:

/s/ George B. Marsh 8/23/2024  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney