APPROVED: 11/05/25
EFFECTIVE: 11/23/25

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 25-059

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN GENERAL TAX REVENUES FOR PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED IN 2026

WHEREAS, the County Council adopted the 2025-2026 biennial budget by Amended Ordinance No. 24-083, which included authorization for a two (2) percent increase in property tax revenues for collection in 2026; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.070 requires the County Council to certify annually the amount of taxes levied upon each taxable dollar of assessed value of property in the County; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to certify the levy for taxes to be collected in 2026, the second year of the 2025-2026 biennium, consistent with the authorization previously adopted; and

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing on November 5, 2025, following public notice as required by law to consider the County's mid-biennial review, including revenue sources for calendar year 2026, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

WHEREAS, the County Council, after hearing and duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, including evidence and testimony presented upon consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 25-058, has determined that the previously approved two (2) percent increase in general tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to the increases resulting from the addition of new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbine facilities, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property under RCW 84.55.010, and from the refund provisions of Chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW, is necessary in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the County and in its best interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, that the previously approved increase in property tax revenues for taxes collected in 2026, in addition to the increases resulting from the addition of new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbine facilities, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property under RCW 84.55.010 and from the refund provisions of Chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW, are hereby authorized in the recalculated amount of $2,126,130 for the 2026 general levy, which is a percentage increase of two (2) percent from the previous year. This percentage is consistent with the increase authority previously granted in Amended Ordinance 24-083, but reflects calculations based on current assessed valuation and statutory levy limits.

PASSED this 5th day of day of November 2025.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

Council Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council

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DATE: November 13, 2025

County Executive

ATTEST:

Melissa Geraghty

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