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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 21-080

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TAXABLE LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY IN AN ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$119,000,000 TO REFUND ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COUNTY'S LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2013, AND PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY'S LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, 2011, SERIES B AND LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2012, SERIES B (FEDERALLY TAXABLE); PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SALE OF THE BONDS; ESTABLISHING FUNDS FOR THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF BOND PROCEEDS AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL THEREOF AND INTEREST THEREON

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 13-018, the County has previously issued its Snohomish County, Washington, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2013, in the original aggregate amount of \$107,885,000 (the "2013 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, \$99,335,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2013 Bonds are currently outstanding; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the County to refund all or a portion of the 2013 Bonds in order to effect a debt service savings to the County; and

WHEREAS, under Amended Ordinance No. 11-074 and Motion No. 11-457, the County has previously issued its Snohomish County, Washington, Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2011, Series B, in the original aggregate amount of \$75,170,000 (the "2011B Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, \$40,745,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2011B Bonds are currently outstanding; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the County to refund that portion of the 2011B Bonds allocable to the Sheriff's gun range and Solid Waste transfer station projects in order to effect a debt service savings to the County; and

WHEREAS, under Amended Ordinance No. 12-057 and Motion No. 12-381, the County has previously issued its Snohomish County, Washington, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2012, Series B (Federally Taxable), in the original aggregate amount of \$38,675,000 (the "2012B Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, \$26,155,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2012B Bonds are currently outstanding; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the County to refund the callable portion of the 2012B Bonds allocable to the Solid Waste land acquisition project in order to effect a debt service savings to the County; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the County now authorize the issuance and sale of its taxable limited tax general obligation bonds in an original principal amount not to exceed \$119,000,000 to refund the Refunded Bonds (as defined in section 1);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

- Section 1. **Definitions.** The following capitalized words and terms as used in this ordinance have the following meanings for all purposes of this ordinance (including the recitals hereto), unless some other meaning is plainly intended:
- (1) "Bond Fund" means the bond redemption account established for the payment of the Bonds as described under Section 12 of this ordinance.
- (2) "Bonds" means the limited tax general obligation bonds of the County in an aggregate original principal amount not to exceed \$119,000,000, authorized to be issued by this ordinance to refund the Refunded Bonds; provided, that if the Bonds are sold as Combined Bonds, all references to Bonds herein shall also refer to such Combined Bonds, except for such references in Sections 3(1), 3(2)(a) and 10(1).
- (3) "Combined Bonds" means the Bonds, together with any other limited tax general obligation bonds authorized by the County by ordinance enacted in calendar year 2021, that are designated by the Finance Director to be sold as a single series.
 - (4) "County" means Snohomish County, Washington.
 - (5) "County Council" means the Snohomish County Council.
- (6) "Date of Issue" means the date on which the Bonds are issued and delivered to the purchaser in return for payment of the purchase price therefor.
 - (7) "DTC" means The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York.
- (8) "Escrow Agent" means the corporate trustee chosen to serve as such as described under Section 12 of this ordinance.
- (9) "Finance Director" means the director of the County Finance Department or any other County officer who succeeds to the duties now delegated to that office.

(10) "Government Obligations" means "government obligations," as defined in chapter 39.53 RCW, as now in existence or amended after the effective date of this ordinance.

- (11) "Issuance Costs Account" means the account of that name created in the Refunding Fund as described under Section 12 of this ordinance.
- (12) "Letter of Representations" means the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations, dated November 5, 2020, from the County to DTC.
- (13) "Official Notice of Bond Sale" means, if the Bonds are sold by competitive bid, the official notice of sale therefor prepared as described under Section 9 of this ordinance.
- (14) "Record Date" means, for an interest or principal payment date or for a maturity date, the 15th day of the calendar month next preceding that date.
- (15) "Refunded Bonds" means, collectively, the Refunded 2013 Bonds, the Refunded 2011B Bonds and the Refunded 2012B Bonds.
- (16) "Refunded 2011B Bond Redemption Date" means the date set for the redemption of the Refunded 2011B Bonds, as identified in the Sale Instrument.
- (17) "Refunded 2011B Bonds" means those outstanding 2011B Bonds to be refunded under the Refunding Plan, as identified in the Sale Instrument.
- (18) "Refunded 2012B Bond Redemption Date" means the date set for the redemption of the Refunded 2012B Bonds, as identified in the Sale Instrument.
- (19) "Refunded 2012B Bonds" means those outstanding 2012B Bonds to be refunded under the Refunding Plan, as identified in the Sale Instrument.
- (20) "Refunded 2013 Bond Redemption Date" means the date set for the redemption of the Refunded 2013 Bonds, as identified in the Sale Instrument.
- (21) "Refunded 2013 Bonds" means those outstanding 2013 Bonds to be refunded under the Refunding Plan, as identified in the Sale Instrument.
- (22) "Refunding Fund" means the special fund established as described under Section 12 of this ordinance for the refunding of the Refunded Bonds and the payment of costs of issuing the Bonds.
- (23) "Refunding Plan" means the plan to refund the Refunded Bonds and pay costs related to the sale and issuance of the Bonds, as will be more particularly set forth in the Sale Instrument.

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- (24) "Register" means the registration books maintained by the Registrar for purposes of identifying ownership of the Bonds.
- (25) "Registrar" means the fiscal agent of the state of Washington appointed from time to time by the Washington State Finance Committee under chapter 43.80 RCW, serving as the registrar, authenticating agent, paying agent and transfer agent for the Bonds.
- (26) "Rule" means Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as it may be amended from time to time.
- (27) "Sale Instrument" means (a) if the Bonds are sold by negotiated sale, the purchase contract therefor; or (b) if the Bonds are sold by competitive bid, the notice of sale, the winning bid and a notice of acceptance of bid from the Finance Director, in each case establishing, among other things, the dated date, principal amounts and maturity dates, interest rates and interest payment dates, and the redemption provisions for the Bonds.
- (28) "2011B Bonds" means the outstanding Snohomish County, Washington, Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2011, Series B.
- (29) "2011B Escrow Account" means the account of that name created in the Refunding Fund as described under Section 12 of this ordinance.
- (30) "2012B Bonds" means the outstanding Snohomish County, Washington, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2012, Series B (Federally Taxable).
- (31) "2012B Escrow Account" means the account of that name created in the Refunding Fund as described under section 13 of this ordinance.
- (32) "2013 Bonds" means the outstanding Snohomish County, Washington, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2013.
- (33) "2013 Escrow Account" means the account of that name created in the Refunding Fund as described under section 13 of this ordinance.
 - **Findings.** The County Council makes the following findings: Section 2.
- (1) The refunding of the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the Refunding Plan will effect a debt service savings to the County.
- (2) The issuance and sale of taxable limited tax general obligation bonds of the County, payable from regular property taxes or other revenues, taxes and money of the County legally available for such purposes, to undertake the Refunding Plan are in the best interests of the County and its citizens.

Section 3. Purpose, Authorization and Description of Bonds.

(1) <u>Purpose and Authorization of Bonds.</u> The County authorizes the issuance of the Bonds to obtain financing to undertake the Refunding Plan. The County may sell the Bonds as a separate series or as Combined Bonds.

(2) Description of Bonds.

- (a) If the Bonds are sold as a separate series of Bonds, the Bonds will be designated "Snohomish County, Washington, Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2021 (Federally Taxable)," with an applicable series designation, in an original principal amount not to exceed \$119,000,000, all as established by the related Sale Instrument. If the Bonds are sold as Combined Bonds with other bonds of the County that are not refunding bonds, the Bonds and such other bonds comprising the Combined Bonds will be designated "Snohomish County, Washington, Limited Tax General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, 2021 (Federally Taxable)," with an applicable series designation, as established by the related Sale Instrument.
- (b) The Bonds will be dated as of their date, will mature on June 1 or December 1 in each of the years and in the principal amounts, will bear interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) from their date or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or provided for, whichever is later, at the rates and payable, commencing not later than June 1, 2022, and on June 1 and December 1 in the years, will be subject to optional and mandatory redemption before maturity at the prices, in the amounts and in the manner, and will be subject to the other terms and provisions as the County will establish by the Sale Instrument. The Bonds will be fully registered as to both principal and interest, will be in the denomination of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof (but no Bond will represent more than one maturity), and will be numbered separately in the manner and with any additional designation as the Registrar deems necessary for purposes of identification.
- (3) Initial Immobilization of Bonds; Depository Provisions. The Bonds will initially be held in fully immobilized form by DTC acting as depository under the terms and conditions set forth in the Letter of Representations. Neither the County nor the Registrar will have any responsibility or obligation to DTC participants or the persons for whom they act as nominees with respect to the Bonds with respect to the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any DTC participant, the payment by DTC or any DTC participant of any amount in respect of principal or redemption price of or interest on the Bonds, any notice that is permitted or required to be given to registered owners under this ordinance (except any notice required to be given by the County to the Registrar or to DTC), the selection by DTC or any DTC participant of any person to receive payment in the event of a partial redemption of the Bonds or any consent given or other action taken by DTC as owner of the Bonds.

The Bonds will initially be issued in denominations equal to the aggregate principal amount of each maturity and will initially be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the nominee of DTC. Bonds so registered will be held in fully immobilized form by DTC as depository. For so long as any Bonds are held in fully immobilized form, DTC, its successor or any substitute depository appointed by the County, as applicable, will be the registered owner for all purposes hereunder and all references to registered owners, bondowners, bondholders, owners or the like will mean DTC or its nominees and will not mean the owners of any beneficial interests in the Bonds. Registered ownership of the Bonds, or any portions thereof, may not thereafter be transferred except:

- (a) To any successor of DTC or its nominee, if that successor will be qualified under any applicable laws to provide the services proposed to be provided by it;
- (b) To any substitute depository appointed by the County under this subsection or the substitute depository's successor; or
- (c) To any person as provided in this ordinance if the Bonds are no longer held in immobilized form.

Upon the resignation of DTC or its successor (or any substitute depository or its successor) from its functions as depository, or a determination by the County that it is no longer in the best interests of beneficial owners of the Bonds to continue the system of book entry transfers through DTC or its successor (or any substitute depository or its successor), the County may appoint a substitute depository. Any substitute depository will be qualified under any applicable laws to provide the services proposed to be provided by it.

In the case of any transfer under clause (a) or (b) of the second paragraph of this subsection, the Registrar, upon receipt of all outstanding Bonds together with a written request on behalf of the County, will issue a single new bond certificate for each maturity of Bonds then outstanding, registered in the name of the successor or the substitute depository, or its nominee, as the case may be, all as specified in the written request of the County.

If DTC or its successor (or substitute depository or its successor) resigns from its functions as depository, and no substitute depository can be obtained, or the County determines that it is in the best interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds that they be able to obtain bond certificates, the ownership of the Bonds may be transferred to any person as provided in this ordinance, and the Bonds will no longer be held in fully immobilized form. The County will deliver a written request to the Registrar, together with a supply of definitive Bonds, to issue Bonds as provided in this ordinance in any authorized denomination. Upon receipt of all then outstanding Bonds by the Registrar, together with a written request on behalf of the County to the Registrar, new Bonds will

be issued in the denominations and registered in the names of the persons as are requested in the written request.

(4) <u>Place, Manner and Medium of Payment.</u> Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. For so long as any outstanding Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., or its registered assigns, as nominee of DTC, payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made in immediately available funds on the date payment is due and payable at the place and in the manner provided in the Letter of Representations.

If the Bonds are no longer held in fully immobilized form by DTC or its successor (or substitute depository or its successor), interest on the Bonds will be paid by check or draft mailed to the registered owners of the Bonds at the addresses for the registered owners appearing on the Register on the Record Date for that interest payment date, or by electronic transfer on the interest payment date to an account within the United States designated by a registered owner of at least \$1,000,000 in principal amount of the Bonds. The County is not required to make electronic transfers except to a registered owner of Bonds under a request in writing received by the Record Date for that interest payment date and any electronic transfer is at the sole expense of that registered owner. Principal of the Bonds will be payable at maturity or on the dates as may be fixed for prior redemption upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds by the owners to the Registrar.

- (5) <u>Form of Bonds.</u> The Bonds or any Combined Bonds shall be word processed, printed or lithographed on good bond paper in a form consistent with this ordinance and Washington state law.
- (6) <u>Execution of Bonds.</u> The Bonds will be executed on behalf of the County with the manual or facsimile signatures of the County Executive and the Clerk of the County Council, and will have the seal of the County impressed or imprinted thereon.

If any officer who has executed the Bonds ceases to be an officer of the County authorized to sign the Bonds before the Bonds bearing that person's signature are authenticated or delivered by the Registrar or issued by the County, those Bonds may nevertheless be authenticated, issued and delivered and, when authenticated, issued and delivered, will be as binding upon the County as though that person had continued to be an officer of the County authorized to sign the Bonds. Any Bond also may be signed on behalf of the County by any person who, on the actual date of signing of the Bond, is an officer of the County authorized to sign the Bonds, although that person did not hold the required office on the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Only Bonds bearing a Certificate of Authentication, manually executed by the Registrar, will be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to the benefits of this ordinance. The Certificate of Authentication will be conclusive evidence that the Bonds so authenticated have been executed, authenticated and delivered hereunder and are entitled to the benefits of this ordinance.

Section 4. **Open Market Purchase.** The County reserves the right to purchase any or all of the Bonds on the open market at any time and at any price.

Section 5. **Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds.** The County adopts for the Bonds the system of registration specified and approved by the Washington State Finance Committee. The Registrar will keep, or cause to be kept, at its principal corporate trust office, sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which will at all times be open to inspection by the County. The Register will contain the name and mailing address of the owner (or nominee thereof) of each Bond, and the principal amount and number of Bonds held by each owner or nominee. The Registrar is authorized, on behalf of the County, to authenticate and deliver Bonds transferred or exchanged for other Bonds in accordance with the provisions thereof and of this ordinance, and to carry out all of the Registrar's powers and duties under this ordinance.

The Registrar will be responsible for its representations contained in the Certificate of Authentication on the Bonds. The Registrar may become the owner of Bonds with the same rights it would have if it were not the Registrar, and to the extent permitted by law may act as depository for and permit any of its officers or directors to act as a member of, or in any other capacity with respect to, any committee formed to protect the rights of Bond owners.

Upon surrender thereof to the Registrar, the Bonds are exchangeable for other Bonds of the same maturity and interest rate and for the same aggregate principal amount, in any authorized denomination. Bonds may be transferred only if endorsed in the manner provided thereon and surrendered to the Registrar. Upon surrender, the Registrar will cancel the surrendered Bond and will authenticate and deliver, without charge to the owner or transferee therefor (other than taxes, if any, payable on account of transfer), one or more (at the option of the new owner) new Bonds of the same maturity and interest rate and for the same aggregate principal amount, in any authorized denomination, naming as owner the person or persons listed as the assignee on the assignment form appearing on the canceled and surrendered Bond, in exchange therefor. The Registrar will not be obligated to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period beginning at the opening of business on the Record Date for a maturity date and ending at the close of business on that maturity date.

The County and the Registrar, each in its discretion, may deem and treat the registered owner of each Bond as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and neither the County nor the Registrar will be affected by any notice to the contrary.

Section 6. **Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Bonds.** If any Bond becomes mutilated, the Registrar will authenticate and deliver one or more (at the option of the registered owner) new Bonds of the same maturity and interest rate and for the same aggregate principal amount, in any authorized denomination, in exchange and substitution therefor, upon the owner's paying the expenses and charges of the

County and the Registrar in connection therewith and upon surrender to the Registrar of the mutilated Bond. Every mutilated Bond so surrendered will be canceled and destroyed by the Registrar.

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If any Bond is lost, stolen or destroyed, the Registrar may authenticate and deliver one or more (at the option of the registered owner) new Bonds of the same maturity and interest rate and for the same aggregate principal amount, in any authorized denomination, to the registered owner thereof upon the owner's paying the expenses and charges of the County and the Registrar in connection therewith and upon the owner's filing with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to the Registrar that the Bond was lost, stolen or destroyed and of that person's ownership thereof, and upon furnishing the County and the Registrar with indemnity satisfactory to the Finance Director and the Registrar.

Pledge of Taxation and Credit. The County irrevocably Section 7. covenants and agrees that, for as long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, each year it will include in its budget and levy an ad valorem tax upon all the property within the County subject to taxation in an amount that will be sufficient, together with all other revenues and money of the County legally available for such purposes, to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same will become due.

The County irrevocably pledges that the annual tax provided for in this ordinance to be levied for the payment of such principal and interest will be within and as a part of the tax levy permitted to counties without a vote of the people, and that a sufficient portion of the taxes to be levied and collected annually by the County prior to the full payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be and is irrevocably set aside, pledged and appropriated for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

The full faith, credit and resources of the County are irrevocably pledged for the annual levy and collection of said taxes and for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same will become due.

- Other Covenants and Warranties. The County makes the Section 8. following additional covenants with and warranties to the owners of the Bonds:
- The County has full legal right, power and authority to enact this ordinance, and as of the Date of Issue, will have full legal right, power and authority to sell, issue and deliver the Bonds as provided in this ordinance and to carry out and consummate all other transactions contemplated by this ordinance.

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(2) As of the Date of Issue, by all necessary official action, the County will have authorized and approved the execution and delivery of, and the performance by the County of its obligations contained in, the Bonds and this ordinance and the consummation by it of all other transactions necessary to effectuate this ordinance in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and these authorizations and approvals will be in full force and effect and will not have been amended, modified or supplemented in any material respect.

- (3) This ordinance, when effective, will be a legal, valid and binding obligation of the County.
- (4) When issued, sold, authenticated and delivered as provided in this ordinance, the Bonds will be legal, valid and binding general obligations of the County.
- (5) The enactment of this ordinance, and compliance on the County's part with the provisions contained herein, will not conflict with, constitute a breach of, or constitute a default under, any constitutional provisions, law, administrative regulation, judgment, decree, loan agreement, indenture, bond, note, resolution, ordinance, motion, agreement or other instrument to which the County is a party or to which the County or any of its property or assets are otherwise subject.
- (6) The Bonds will be issued within all statutory and constitutional debt limitations applicable to the County.

Section 9. Sale of Bonds.

- (1) <u>General; Delegation of Authority.</u> The County authorizes the public sale of the Bonds. The Finance Director is authorized to execute a Sale Instrument on behalf of the County for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of this ordinance. The Finance Director will determine, in consultation with the County's municipal advisor, whether the Bonds will be sold separately or as Combined Bonds.
 - (a) <u>Bonds Sold Separately.</u> If the Finance Director determines that the Bonds shall be sold separately, then:
 - (i) The original aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$119,000,000;
 - (ii) One or more rates of interest may be fixed for the Bonds, which rate(s) must be in multiples of 1/1000th of 1%, and no rate of interest for any maturity of the Bonds shall exceed 5.00%;
 - (iii) The true interest cost to the County for the Bonds shall not exceed 4.00%;
 - (iv) The purchase price for the Bonds shall not be less than 95% nor greater than 140% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Bonds;

- (v) The Bonds may be issued subject to provisions for optional redemption prior to maturity at a price of par, plus accrued interest, if any, commencing not later than 10.5 years following the Date of Issue;
- (vi) The Bonds may be issued subject to provisions for mandatory redemption prior to maturity, including designation of term bonds, if any, at a price of par;
- (vii) The final maturity date of the Bonds shall not be later than December 1, 2043; and
- (viii) The Date of Issue of the Bonds shall not be later than March 31, 2022.
- (b) <u>Combined Bonds.</u> If the Finance Director determines that the Bonds shall be sold as Combined Bonds, then:
 - (i) The original aggregate principal amount of all of the Combined Bonds shall not exceed the sum of the respective maximum principal amount of the bonds comprising the Combined Bonds, as authorized by their respective ordinances;
 - (ii) One or more rates of interest may be fixed for the Combined Bonds, which rate(s) must be in multiples of 1/1000th of 1%, and no rate of interest for any maturity of the Combined Bonds shall exceed 5.00%;
 - (iii) The true interest cost to the County for the Combined Bonds shall not exceed 4.00%;
 - (iv) The purchase price for the Combined Bonds shall not be less than 95% nor greater than 140% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Bonds;
 - (v) The Combined Bonds may be issued subject to provisions for optional redemption prior to maturity at a price of par, plus accrued interest, if any, commencing not later than 10.5 years following the Date of Issue:
 - (vi) The Combined Bonds may be issued subject to provisions for mandatory redemption prior to maturity, including designation of term bonds, if any, at a price of par;
 - (vii) The final maturity date of the Combined Bonds shall not be later than December 1, 2043; and

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(viii) The Date of Issue of the Combined Bonds shall not be later than March 31, 2022.

(2) Method of Sale. The Finance Director will determine, in consultation with the County's municipal advisor, whether the Bonds shall be sold by negotiated sale or competitive bid.

- (a) Negotiated Sale. If the Finance Director determines that the Bonds should be sold by negotiated sale, the Finance Director will, in consultation with the County's municipal advisor, solicit one or more underwriting firms with which to negotiate the sale of the Bonds pursuant to a written purchase contract therefor. Subject to Section 9(1) of this ordinance, if the Bonds are sold by negotiated sale, the purchase contract for the Bonds will establish the date. aggregate principal amount, interest payment dates, interest rate(s), maturity schedule and principal amounts per maturity, redemption provisions and delivery date of the Bonds. The County Council authorizes the Finance Director (i) to serve as the County's designated representative; (ii) to accept, on behalf of the County, the offer to purchase the Bonds pursuant to the purchase contract, which offer must be consistent with the terms of this ordinance; and (iii) to execute and deliver the purchase contract for and on behalf of the County. The Finance Director will provide a copy of the executed purchase contract and report the results of the Bond sale to the County Council at its administrative session next following the sale date of the Bonds.
- (b) Competitive Bid. If the Finance Director determines that the Bonds should be sold by competitive bid, bids for the purchase of the Bonds will be received at such time or place and by such means as the Finance Director, in consultation with the County's municipal advisor, will direct. Subject to Section 9(1) of this ordinance, if the Bonds are to be sold by competitive bid, the Finance Director is authorized to prepare an Official Notice of Bond Sale for the Bonds. which notice will establish the date, estimated aggregate principal amount, interest payment dates, estimated maturity schedule and principal amount per maturity, redemption provisions and estimated delivery date of the Bonds. After consultation with the County's municipal advisor, the Finance Director may direct that the Official Notice of Bond Sale or an abridged form thereof be published in such newspapers or financial journals as may be deemed desirable or appropriate by the Finance Director.

Upon the date and time established for the receipt of bids for the purchase of the Bonds by competitive bid, the Finance Director or designee will open the bids and will cause the bids to be mathematically verified by the County's municipal advisor. The County Council authorizes the Finance Director (i) to serve as the County's designated representative; (ii) to accept, on behalf of the County, the winning bid to purchase the Bonds, which bid may be adjusted with respect to the aggregate principal amount and principal amount per maturity as reflected in the written notice of acceptance of winning bid, and which must be

consistent with the terms of this ordinance; and (iii) to execute and deliver the notice of acceptance for and on behalf of the County. The Finance Director will provide a copy of the executed notice of acceptance and report the results of the Bond sale to the County Council at its administrative session next following the sale date of the Bonds.

Section 10. **Delivery of Bonds.** Following the sale of the Bonds, the County will cause definitive Bonds to be prepared, executed and delivered to the purchaser thereof in accordance with this ordinance.

If definitive Bonds are not ready for delivery by the date established for their delivery to the initial purchaser thereof, then the Finance Director, upon the approval of the purchaser, may cause to be issued and delivered to the purchaser one or more temporary Bonds with appropriate omissions, changes and additions. Any temporary Bond or Bonds will be entitled and subject to the same benefits and provisions of this ordinance with respect to the payment, security and obligation thereof as definitive Bonds authorized hereby. A temporary Bond or Bonds will be exchangeable without cost to the owners thereof for definitive Bonds when the latter are ready for delivery.

Section 11. **Bond Fund.** Prior to the effective date of this ordinance, there was created in the office of the Finance Director a special fund known as the "Limited Tax General Obligation Debt Service Fund" to be drawn upon to pay the principal of and interest on the limited tax general obligation bonds of the County. There is authorized to be created within that fund a special account for the Bonds to be known as the "Limited Tax General Obligation [and]Refunding Bond Redemption Account, 2021, [Series] (Federally Taxable)" (the "Bond Fund").

Any accrued interest received from the sale of the Bonds will be deposited in the Bond Fund at the time of delivery of the Bonds and will be applied to the payment of interest thereon.

The taxes levied for the purpose of paying principal of and interest on the Bonds and other funds to be used to pay the Bonds will be deposited in the Bond Fund no later than the date funds are required for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds; provided, however, that if the payment of principal of or interest on such Bonds is required before the receipt of the levied taxes, the County may make an interfund loan to the Bond Fund pending receipt of the taxes. The Bond Fund will be drawn upon solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Money in the Bond Fund not needed to pay the interest or principal next coming due may temporarily be deposited in institutions or invested in obligations as may be lawful for the investment of County funds.

Section 12. Refunding Plan.

(1) <u>Refunding Plan.</u> The County shall establish the Refunding Plan pursuant to the Sale Instrument.

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(2) Escrow Agent and Escrow Agreement. Before the sale of the Bonds, the Finance Director shall appoint a corporate trustee to serve as the Escrow Agent for the Refunding Plan.

The Finance Director is directed to obtain from the Escrow Agent an agreement setting forth the duties, obligations and responsibilities of the Escrow Agent in connection with the refunding of the Refunded Bonds as provided herein and stating that the provisions for the payment of the fees, compensation and expenses of the Escrow Agent are satisfactory to it. To carry out the purposes of this section, the Finance Director is authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Escrow Agent this agreement when the provisions thereof have been fixed and determined.

(3) Refunding Fund: 2011B Escrow Account, 2012B Escrow Account, 2013 Escrow Account and Issuance Costs Account. There is authorized to be created a special account of the County to be maintained with the Escrow Agent, which will be known as the "Snohomish County Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds. 2011B/2012B/2013, Taxable Refunding Fund" (the "Refunding Fund"). The Refunding Fund shall consist of the 2011B Escrow Account, the 2012B Escrow Account, the 2013 Escrow Account and the Issuance Costs Account. The Refunding Fund is to be drawn upon to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds under the Refunding Plan and paying costs of issuing the Bonds.

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds and any other funds of the County to be applied to the refunding of the Refunding Plan and paying of costs of issuing the Bonds shall be paid to the Escrow Agent and deposited in and credited to the 2011B Escrow Account, the 2012B Escrow Account, the 2013 Escrow Account and the Issuance Costs Account of the Refunding Fund as set forth in the Sale Instrument. Money in the Refunding Fund and in the 2011B Escrow Account, the 2012B Escrow Account, the 2013 Escrow Account and Issuance Costs Account therein shall be used immediately upon receipt thereof to undertake the Refunding Plan, and to pay costs of issuing the Bonds.

The County shall cause the Escrow Agent to use the money in the 2011B Escrow Account to purchase certain noncallable Government Obligations, as identified in the Sale Instrument, bearing such interest and maturing as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times that, together with any necessary initial cash balance (to be held uninvested), will provide for the payment of the principal and interest regularly scheduled to become due on the Refunded 2011B Bonds to and including the Refunded 2011B Bond Redemption Date, and the redemption price of the Refunded 2011B Bonds called for redemption on the Refunded 2011B Bond Redemption Date equal to the principal amount thereof. Such Government Obligations shall be purchased at a yield not greater than the yield permitted by federal tax laws applicable to a taxable refunding of a tax-exempt bond issue. Such Government Obligations and any necessary initial cash balance shall be irrevocably deposited into the 2011B Escrow Account. Alternatively, the County may cause the Escrow Agent to hold all the money in the

2011B Escrow Account uninvested. The Escrow Agent is authorized and directed to pay to the County or, at the direction of the Finance Director, to the fiscal agent of the state of Washington, sums sufficient to pay, when due, such principal, interest and redemption price.

The County shall cause the Escrow Agent to use the money in the 2012B Escrow Account to purchase certain noncallable Government Obligations, as identified in the Sale Instrument, bearing such interest and maturing as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times that, together with any necessary initial cash balance (to be held uninvested), will provide for the payment of the principal and interest regularly scheduled to become due on the Refunded 2012B Bonds to and including the Refunded 2012B Bond Redemption Date, and the redemption price of the Refunded 2012B Bonds called for redemption on the Refunded 2012B Bond Redemption Date equal to the principal amount thereof. Such Government Obligations and any necessary initial cash balance shall be irrevocably deposited into the 2012B Escrow Account. Alternatively, the County may cause the Escrow Agent to hold all the money in the 2012B Escrow Account uninvested. The Escrow Agent is authorized and directed to pay to the County or, at the direction of the Finance Director, to the fiscal agent of the state of Washington, sums sufficient to pay, when due, such principal, interest and redemption price.

The County shall cause the Escrow Agent to use the money in the 2013 Escrow Account to purchase certain noncallable Government Obligations, as identified in the Sale Instrument, bearing such interest and maturing as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times that, together with any necessary initial cash balance (to be held uninvested), will provide for the payment of the principal and interest regularly scheduled to become due on the Refunded 2013 Bonds to and including the Refunded 2013 Bond Redemption Date, and the redemption price of the Refunded 2013 Bonds called for redemption on the Refunded 2013 Bond Redemption Date equal to the principal amount thereof. Such Government Obligations shall be purchased at a yield not greater than the yield permitted by federal tax laws applicable to a taxable refunding of a tax-exempt bond issue. Such Government Obligations and any necessary initial cash balance shall be irrevocably deposited into the 2013 Escrow Account. Alternatively, the County may cause the Escrow Agent to hold all the money in the 2013 Escrow Account uninvested. The Escrow Agent is authorized and directed to pay to the County or, at the direction of the Finance Director, to the fiscal agent of the state of Washington, sums sufficient to pay, when due, such principal, interest and redemption price.

The County shall cause the Escrow Agent to use the money in the Issuance Costs Account to pay expenses of the acquisition and safekeeping of the Government Obligations and of the costs of issuing the Bonds.

(4) Call of Refunded Bonds for Redemption.

(a) <u>Call of Refunded 2011B Bonds for Redemption.</u> Pursuant to the Sale Instrument, the County will call the Refunded 2011B Bonds for redemption on the

Refunded 2011B Bond Redemption Date in accordance with Amended Ordinance No. 11-074 and Motion No. 11-457, authorizing redemption and retirement of the Refunded 2011B Bonds prior to their fixed maturities.

Pursuant to the Sale Instrument, the County will authorize and direct the Escrow Agent to provide for the giving of notice of the redemption of the Refunded 2011B Bonds in accordance with Amended Ordinance No. 11-074 and Motion No. 11-457. The costs of publication of this notice are an expense of the County.

(b) <u>Call of Refunded 2012B Bonds for Redemption.</u> Pursuant to the Sale Instrument, the County will call the Refunded 2012B Bonds for redemption on the Refunded 2012B Bond Redemption Date in accordance with Amended Ordinance No. 12-057 and Motion No. 12-381, authorizing redemption and retirement of the Refunded 2012B Bonds prior to their fixed maturities.

Pursuant to the Sale Instrument, the County will authorize and direct the Escrow Agent to provide for the giving of notice of the redemption of the Refunded 2011B Bonds in accordance with Amended Ordinance No. 12-057 and Motion No. 12-381. The costs of publication of this notice are an expense of the County.

(c) <u>Call of Refunded 2013 Bonds for Redemption.</u> Pursuant to the Sale Instrument, the County will call the Refunded 2013 Bonds for redemption on the Refunded 2013 Bond Redemption Date in accordance with Ordinance No. 13-018, authorizing redemption and retirement of the Refunded 2013 Bonds prior to their fixed maturities.

Pursuant to the Sale Instrument, the County will authorize and direct the Escrow Agent to provide for the giving of notice of the redemption of the Refunded 2013 Bonds in accordance with Ordinance No. 13-018. The costs of publication of this notice are an expense of the County.

Section 13. **Investment of and Accounting for Funds.** Funds deposited in the funds and accounts described in sections 11 and 12 of this ordinance will be invested as permitted by law for the sole benefit of the respective funds. In addition to proceeds of the Bonds, the County may deposit other money in the funds and accounts described in section 12 of this ordinance. For accounting purposes, Bond proceeds will be deemed to have been spent first, and then any other funds.

Section 14. **Preliminary Official Statement and Final Official Statement.**The County authorizes and directs the Finance Director: (1) to review and approve the information contained in the preliminary official statement (the "Preliminary Official Statement") prepared in connection with the sale of the Bonds; and (2) for the sole purpose of compliance by the purchaser of the Bonds with subsection (b)(1) of the Rule, to "deem final" the Preliminary Official Statement as of its date, except for information

permitted to be omitted therefrom by the Rule. After the Preliminary Official Statement has been reviewed and approved in accordance with this section 14, the County authorizes the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement to prospective purchasers of the Bonds.

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Following the sale of the Bonds, the Finance Director is authorized to review and approve on behalf of the County a final official statement with respect to the Bonds. The County agrees to cooperate with the purchaser of the Bonds to deliver or cause to be delivered, within seven business days from the date of the Sale Instrument and in sufficient time to accompany any confirmation that requests payment from any customer of the purchaser, copies of a final official statement pertaining to the Bonds in sufficient quantity to comply with paragraph (b)(4) of the Rule and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

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> Section 15. Undertaking to Provide Ongoing Disclosure. The Finance Director is authorized and directed to enter into a written undertaking for the benefit of owners and beneficial owners of the Bonds to the extent required by and consistent with the requirements of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule, as applicable to a participating underwriter for the Bonds.

Section 16. General Authorization. The Finance Director and other appropriate County officials, agents and representatives are authorized and directed to do everything necessary for the prompt sale, issuance, execution and delivery of the Bonds, and for the proper use and application of the proceeds of the sale thereof.

Section 17. Refunding or Defeasance of Bonds. The County may issue refunding obligations pursuant to the laws of the state of Washington or use money available from any other lawful source to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or any portion thereof included in a refunding or defeasance plan, and to redeem and retire, refund or defease Bonds and to pay the costs of the refunding or defeasance.

If either money or noncallable Government Obligations, or both, maturing at such time or times and bearing interest to be earned thereon in amounts (together with such money, if necessary) sufficient to redeem and retire, refund or defease part or all of the Bonds in accordance with their terms, are set aside in a special account of the County to effect such redemption and retirement, and such money and the principal of and interest on the Government Obligations are irrevocably set aside and pledged for those purposes, then no further payments need be made into the Bond Fund for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds so provided for, and such Bonds will cease to be entitled to any lien, benefit or security of this ordinance except the right to receive the money so set aside and pledged, and such Bonds will be deemed not to be outstanding hereunder.

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Section 18. **Contract; Severability.** The covenants contained in this ordinance are a contract between the County and the owners of each and every Bond. If any

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