

1 APPROVED: 11/25/24
2 EFFECTIVE: 12/23/24

3 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
4 Snohomish County, Washington

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6 ORDINANCE NO. 24-074

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8 RELATING TO PROPERTY TAXES;
9 FIXING THE 2025 GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR
10 SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND PRESERVING FUTURE LEVY CAPACITY
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12 WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 budget for Snohomish County contains detailed
13 listings of various revenues, including property taxes; and
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15 WHEREAS, a preliminary estimated assessed value of taxable real property in
16 Snohomish County is \$214.7 billion which is subject to adjustment for senior citizens
17 exemptions as provided for in RCW 84.36.381 and for omitted assessments as provided
18 for in RCW 84.40.080, and any other adjustments provided by law; and
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20 WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 84.55 RCW a taxing jurisdiction may levy
21 property taxes in an amount no greater than the highest regular tax which could have
22 been lawfully levied beginning with the 1985 levy multiplied by a limit factor; and
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24 WHEREAS, the limit factor for taxing jurisdictions with a population of 10,000 or
25 greater is the lesser of 101% or 100% plus inflation, which, as of August 30, 2024, has
26 been determined to be more than 101% for 2025; and
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28 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that there is a need for an
29 increase in the 2025 general property tax levy within the limitations imposed by chapter
30 84.55 RCW as authorized by separate ordinance pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and
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32 WHEREAS, the County Council desires to protect the County's future levy
33 capacity pursuant to RCW 84.55.092; and
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35 WHEREAS, the property tax levy set out in Section 1 is intended to include
36 additional amounts, if any, that may be allowed under the new construction, increases in
37 assessed value due to construction of wind turbine facilities, improvements to property,
38 and state-assessed property provisions of RCW 84.55.010 and, as provided in RCW
39 84.55.070, the refund provisions of chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW; and
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41 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council finds that the levy of general fund
42 property taxes set forth in this ordinance is in the best interests of the County;
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The annual amount of general property tax levy necessary to raise the amount of revenues required by Snohomish County for expenditure during calendar year 2025 is hereby levied upon all real and personal property subject to taxation in Snohomish County as set forth in the table below.

2025 GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Use of Funds	Estimated Levy Rate	Estimated Levy Amount
General Levy	\$.5178	\$111,196,005

Section 2. The amount set forth in Section 1 is hereby levied upon all real and personal property in accordance with certified assessed values and the completed tax rolls of Snohomish County for collection in 2025. That estimated property tax levy amount is intended:

(a) to include an increase above the County's 2024 levy amount as authorized by separate ordinance pursuant to RCW 84.55.120;

(b) to include any additional amounts allowed under (i) the new construction, improvements to property and state-assessed property provisions of RCW 84.55.010 and, (ii) as provided pursuant to RCW 84.55.070, the refund provisions of chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW, and

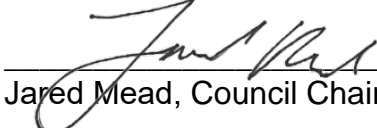
(c) to exclude any amounts in excess of the 2025 maximum levy amount resulting from application of the limit factor, plus those additional amounts described in paragraphs (a) and (b) above;

and shall be adjusted by the County Assessor when property values are certified.

Section 3. Any unused general property tax levy capacity for the 2025 tax year is reserved for future levy as provided by RCW 84.55.092.

PASSED this 25th day of November, 2024.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington


Jared Mead, Council Chair

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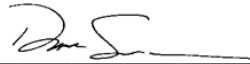
6 Clerk of the Council

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14 DATE: December 13, 2024

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18 County Executive

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21 Melissa Geraghty
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23 Approved as to form only:

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26 /s/ George B. Marsh 8/23/2024
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