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2 EFFECTIVE: 11/25/22

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4 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
5 Snohomish County, Washington

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7 ORDINANCE NO. 22-049

8  
9 RELATING TO PROPERTY TAXES;  
10 FIXING THE 2023 GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR  
11 SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND PRESERVING FUTURE LEVY CAPACITY

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13 WHEREAS, the 2023 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 Snohomish County is \$220.32 billion which is subject to adjustment for senior citizens  
18 exemptions as provided for in RCW 84.36.381 and for omitted assessments as provided  
19 for in RCW 84.40.080, and any other adjustments 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, 2022, has  
27 been determined to be more than 101% for 2023; and

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29 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that there is a need for an  
30 increase in the 2023 general property tax levy within the limitations imposed by chapter  
31 84.55 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 in RCW  
40 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 general fund  
43 property taxes set forth in this ordinance is in the best interests of the County.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:  
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3 Section 1. The annual amount of general property tax levy necessary to raise  
4 the amount of revenues required by Snohomish County for expenditure during calendar  
5 year 2023 is hereby levied upon all real and personal property subject to taxation in  
6 Snohomish County as set forth in the table below.  
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8 2023 GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY  
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Use of Funds	Estimated Levy Rate	Estimated Levy Amount
General Levy	\$.4676	\$103,018,813

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11 Section 2. The amount set forth in Section 1 is hereby levied upon all real and  
12 personal property in accordance with certified assessed values and the completed tax  
13 rolls of Snohomish County for collection in 2023. That estimated property tax levy  
14 amount is intended:  
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16 (a) to include an increase above the County's 2022 levy amount as  
17 authorized by separate ordinance pursuant to RCW 84.55.120;  
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19 (b) to include any additional amounts allowed under (i) the new  
20 construction, improvements to property and state-assessed property provisions  
21 of RCW 84.55.010 and, (ii) as provided pursuant to RCW 84.55.070, the refund  
22 provisions of chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW, and  
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24 (c) to exclude any amounts in excess of the 2023 maximum levy amount  
25 resulting from application of the limit factor, plus those additional amounts  
26 described in paragraphs (a) and (b) above;  
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28 and shall be adjusted by the County Assessor when property values are certified.  
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30 Section 3. Any unused general property tax levy capacity for the 2023 tax year is  
31 reserved for future levy as provided by RCW 84.55.092.  
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33 PASSED this 9th day of November 2022.  
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35 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
36 Snohomish County, Washington

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39 Council Chair  
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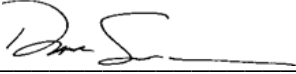
  
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Clerk of the Council

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DATE: November 15, 2022

  
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County Executive

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Approved as to form only:

/s/ George B. Marsh 9/16/2022  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney