

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN

Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its November 6, 2019 meeting:

1. ORDINANCE (2019- 074) ADOPTING INTERIM ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE SITING, ESTABLISHMENT, AND OPERATION OF TEMPORARY HOMELESS FACILITIES (AB2019-531): This ordinance is for Whatcom County to meet public, health, safety and welfare requirements for establishment and processing of applications for temporary homeless facilities in unincorporated Whatcom County Council introduced this ordinance on October 22, 2019. Public documents are available for review from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, and at www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council. Meetings are in the Council Chambers, same address, at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Whatcom County Council will have a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its November 19, 2019, meeting, or at a later date:

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 3, REQUIRING THAT PUBLIC FUNDS USED FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS DO DOUBLE DUTY BY ALSO PROVIDING APPRENTICES WITH JOB TRAINING HOURS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO BECOME THE NEXT GENERATION OF SKILLED TRADES PERSONS (AB2019-285): This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code to include a new chapter "Construction Projects – Apprentice Requirements" that requires that public funds used for construction projects do double duty by also providing apprentices with job training hours to meet the requirements necessary to become the next generation of skilled persons.

2. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PURPOSES FOR 2020 (AB2019-542): This ordinance limits the amount collected through the Countywide Emergency Medical levy to be limited to the amount of 2019 taxes, increased for the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property. A property tax increase, in addition to the amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, is authorized for the 2020 levy in the amount of \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year.

3. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CONSERVATION FUTURES PURPOSES FOR 2020 (AB2019-543): Pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10, the amount collected through the County Conservation Futures levy shall be limited to the amount of 2019 taxes, increased for the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property. A property tax increase, in addition to the amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, is hereby authorized for the 2020 levy in the amount of \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year.

4. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF 2020 PROPERTY TAXES FOR COUNTY ROAD PURPOSES (AB2019-544): Pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10, the amount collected through the County Road levy shall be limited to the amount of 2019 taxes, increased for the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property. A property tax increase in addition to the amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property is hereby authorized for the 2020 levy in the amount of \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year. This also authorizes diverting \$806,530 of the County Road District levy for the budget year 2020 to the General Fund. Diverted County Road Taxes are to be used for traffic law enforcement in the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County.

5. ORDINANCE LIMITING THE 2020 GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAX LEVY (AB2019-546): This ordinance limits the amounts collected through the County general levy to the amount of 2019 taxes, increased for the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property. A property tax increase in addition to the amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property is hereby authorized for the 2020 levy in the amount of \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year.

6. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY AND STATE PURPOSES IN WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON , FOR THE YEAR OF 2020 (AB2019-547): The amounts collected through the County general levy shall be limited to the amount of 2019 taxes increased for the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property. The taxes to be levied against parcels of property within the Diking Districts, Drainage Districts, and Drainage Improvement Districts are to be credited to the individual maintenance funds for the year 2020, and the amounts to be apportioned to the original assessments for construction in said districts per Exhibit B of the ordinance. Exhibit B is lengthy and detailed therefore citizens are strongly encouraged to request a copy or view them on-line at the Legislative Information Center. Website: <http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/268/County-Council>

7. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,918,279 (AB2019-565): This ordinance allows for the following from the General Fund: \$1,811,197 out of Non-Departmental wage and benefit reserves to distribute to all General Fund departments in accordance with 2020 wage and benefit settlements; \$60,000 in Assessor to fund high value appeal defense - professional services; \$30,000 in District Court to fund increases in interpreter and Pro Tem Judge services; \$51,407 in District Court Probation to fund .5 FTE Probation Officer increase to 1 FTE; \$90,000 in District Court Probation to fund domestic violence perpetrator program from transfer in from the Behavior Health Programs Fund; decrease of \$106,562 in Executive as a result of Director of Administrative Services wage and benefit reallocation; \$549,015 in Health to move mental health and developmental disability millage funds back to the General Fund; \$282,823 in Health to fund various substance use programs funded grant proceeds; \$10,000 in Health to fund severe weather shelter support; appropriate \$200,000 in Health to fund housing renovation projects for individuals with developmental disabilities; \$87,369 in Juvenile to fund OCVA CASA grant program; \$634,856 in Non-Departmental to fund transfer to the Jail Fund and the Election Reserve Fund to support mid-biennium adjustments; \$5,900 in Parks to fund increased ER&R rate on dump truck and additional senior center extra help hours; \$63,032 in Prosecuting Attorney to fund increase of a .6 FTE Senior Deputy II position to a 1 FTE; \$96,088 in Public Defender to fund the addition of a 1 FTE Deputy I position; \$67,017 in Sheriff to fund Crisis Negotiation team training, polygraph operator training, community relations consultant contract and a Lexipol policy management system; \$15,000 in WSU Extension to fund solid waste program expansion. From the Road Fund: \$77,000 in Public Works - Admin to fund Road Fund's portion of CosMos Model funding and 2020 Ferry Program wage supplement; \$10,401,396 in Public Works - Construction to fund 2020 Annual Road Program; \$148,718 in Public

Works - M&O to fund 2 FTEs Road Maintenance Workers \$273,500 in Public Works - M&O to fund transfers to ER&R for vehicle additions, upgrades and new salt & sand bunkers; \$50,000 in Public Works - M&O to fund a sign roller flatbed and sign cutter/printer replacement; \$45,000 in Public Works - NPDES to fund transfer to ER&R for vehicle addition and annual ER&R maintenance/replacement fees. From Election Reserve Fund: \$207,326 to fund Presidential Primary and increased election costs from grant funding and general fund transfer in. From Veteran's Relief Fund: \$3,906 to fund 2020 wage and benefit settlements. From Whatcom County Jail Fund: \$150,000 to fund additional contract beds; \$9,000 to fund increased Black Rock (Wave) fiber connection costs; \$373,006 to fund increased inmate medical program costs; \$29,191 to fund Lexipol policy management system; \$552,856 transfer in from the General Fund to cover all mid-biennium expenditure requests. From the Homeless Housing Fund: \$3,054 to fund 2020 wage and benefit settlements; decrease 2020 appropriation by \$390,000 due to decreased homeless housing surcharge revenues. From the Stormwater Fund: \$40,000 to fund Lake Whatcom on-site septic system impact assessment from Flood transfer in. From the Behavioral Health Programs Fund: \$210,000 in Health to fund GRACE Program services from local grant proceeds; \$48,000 in Health to fund CDE Medical Outreach vehicle purchase transfer to ER&R; \$1,317,047 in Health to fund additional behavioral health services; \$3,340 in Superior Court - Drug Court to fund 2020 wage and benefit settlements. From the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Fund: \$648,000 to move budget authority back to the General Fund. From the Swift Creek Sediment Management Fund: \$665,000 to fund 2020 wage and benefit settlements. From Solid Waste: \$25,309 to fund 2020 wage and benefit settlements; \$25,000 to fund Disposal of Toxics facility maintenance. \$133,445 to fund solid waste comp plan update; \$475,000 to fund Point Roberts solid waste collection services from fee revenues; \$126,775 to fund waste reduction and recycling program expansion; \$5,950 to fund EnviroStars program annual dues. From Whatcom County Convention Center (Lodging Tax) Fund: \$565,775 to fund wayfinding project. From Community Development Fund: \$6,000 to fund on-site septic system rebate program expansion. From the Emergency Management Fund: \$10,693 to fund 2020 wage and benefit settlements. From the REET II Fund: \$425,025 to fund transfer in support of Lake Whatcom Park projects. From the REET I Fund: \$115,000 to fund carpeting and repainting the Public Defender building. From the EDI Fund: \$113,824 to increase funding for the Tri-Funder Agreement for economic development; \$500,000 to fund Housing Affordable impact fee loan program. From the Ferry Fund: \$60,000 to fund 2020 Ferry wage supplement. From the ER&R Fund: \$476,000 to fund additional salt & sand bunkers for M&O, and vehicle additions and upgrades for M&O, NPDES, Parks, AS-Facilities and Health; \$250,000 to fund increased shop rates offset by intrafund revenues in ER&R. From AS Fund: \$106,562 in AS-Admin to fund Director of Administrative Services wage and benefit re-allocation; \$107,420 in AS-Facilities to fund snow and ice removal equipment, purchase of 3 used surplus vehicles, ongoing fuel and maintenance costs for the vehicles, and re-appropriation of funding for a shared (with M&O) bucket truck; \$200,000 in AS-Tort to fund increase in general liability insurance premiums; \$25,000 in AS-Human Resources to fund additional professional negotiator services; \$20,000 in AS-Information Technology to fund Microsoft E-mail Advanced Threat Protection service. In the Affordable and Supportive Housing Fund: To record \$800,000 new housing fund revenues.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT FOR 2020 (AB2019-545): This resolution limits the amount collected through the WCFCZD levy to the amount of 2019 taxes plus, increased for the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property. A property tax increase in addition to the amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property is hereby authorized for the 2020 levy in the amount of \$0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year.

9. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL 2020 BUDGET OF THE POINT ROBERTS TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT (AB2019-551): Whatcom County Council, acting as the governing body of the Point Roberts Transportation. This resolution adopts the 2020 budget of the point Robert transportation benefit district with a budget of \$20,000.

10. RESOLUTION OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AND SUBZONES (AB2019-557): This resolution approves the appropriations of Flood Control Zone District Fund No. 169 for 2020 in the amount of \$11,299,628; Acme/VanZandt Subzone \$38,001; Birch Bay Subzone \$2,059,051; Lynden/Everson Subzone \$122,000; Sumas/Nooksack/Everson Subzone \$214,000; Samish Watershed Subzone \$19,950.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A TWENTY YEAR COMMUNICATION TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE GT FOR LEASED SPACE ON PARK PROPERTY AT LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN (AB2019-568) This agreement will allow for leasing of additional space to accommodate an additional equipment shed to house emergency generator equipment. Council introduced above at its November 6, 2019, meeting. Public documents are available for review from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, and at www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council. Meetings are in the Council Chambers, same address, at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced. Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs or disabilities who will be attending this meeting are asked to please contact our office 360-778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance.

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COUNCIL ACTION PROPOSED

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its November 19, 2019, meeting:

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, AMENDMENT NO. 14 (AB2019-552): This ordinance adds appropriations as follows: From the General Fund - \$30,000 in District Court to fund increased interpreter and Pro Tem Judge services, \$5,300 in Non-Departmental to fund increase in indigent burial services; from Countywide Emergency Medical services fund - to record 2019 EMS budget adjustments for an expenditure reduction of \$319,676; from Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund - \$200,000 to fund transfer to support Birch Bay Dr./Pt. Whitehorn Rd. Drainage Improvement Project; from the Administrative Services Fund - \$11,523 in AS-Facilities to fund IT emergency back-up generator repairs.

2. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE LUMMI NATION FERRY LEASE FUND, REQUEST NO. 2 (AB2019-553) This ordinance adds \$2,000,000 to the Lummi Nation Ferry Lease Fund to continue funding eligible projects in accordance with the Uplands Lease Agreement.

3. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTEGRATED CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FUND, REQUEST NO. 1 (AB2019-562)

This ordinance adds \$200,000 for purchase of case management systems for Public Defender and Prosecuting Attorney.

4. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE LAKE WHATCOM PARK TRAIL DEVELOPMENT FUND, REQUEST NO. 1 (AB2019-564) This ordinance adds \$452,025 for Lake Whatcom Park trailhead improvements to connect the Chanterelle Trail to the Hertz Trail. Council introduced the above at its November 6, 2019, meeting. Public documents are available for review from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham and at www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council. Meetings are in the Council Chambers, same address, at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs or disabilities who will be attending this meeting are asked to please contact our office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.

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