

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator: Executive	<i>DW</i>	10/16/1998	RECEIVED OCT 21 1998 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	10/27/98	Introduction
Division Head:				11/10/98	Hearing
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor	<i>dhf</i>	10/16/98			
Purchasing/Budget:	<i>BB</i>	10/16/98			
Executive:	<i>PK</i>	10-20			

SUBJECT:

Adoption of Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County and State purposes for 1999.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Ordinance

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO
 SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO

Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes () NO
 Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This proposed ordinance authorizes the levy of taxes for County and State purposes in Whatcom County, for the year of 1999, pursuant to Home Rule Charter, Section 6.10.

Distribution Request

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ADS Facilities Management	
ADS Finance	Brad Bennett, Eva Browning
ADS Human Resources	
ADS Info Services	
Assessor	
Auditor	
Cooperative Extension	
District Court	
Executive	Dave Wareing, Francine Kincaid
Health	
Hearing Examiner	
Jail	
Juvenile	
Parks	
Planning	
Prosecutor	
Public Works	
Sheriff	
Superior Court	
Treasurer	
Other	

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1998 - 379 10/27/98: Introduced
 11/10/98: Scheduled for Public Hearing - Held to November 24, 1998
 11/24/98: Amended and Adopted 7-0, Ord. 98-079

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item): **Ord #98-079**

amended

INTRODUCED BY: Consent
PROPOSED BY: County Executive
DATE: October 27, 1998

ORDINANCE NO. 98-079

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES
FOR COUNTY AND STATE PURPOSES
IN WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON,
FOR THE YEAR OF 1999
PURSUANT TO HOME RULE CHARTER SECTION 6.10**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10 the County Executive is required to submit for Council consideration proposed tax and revenue ordinances necessary to raise sufficient revenues to balance the Budget; and,

WHEREAS, at this time this matter coming on regularly for consideration by the Council, and the Levy for the State taxes as hereinafter made being in accordance with the notice as given by the State Board of Equalization and the State Auditor in the manner provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, the County taxes having been on estimates filed in accordance with Home Rule Charter 6.20; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Whatcom County Council of Whatcom County, Washington, that there be and hereby are levied taxes of Whatcom County, Washington, to be charged on the assessment and tax rolls of said County for the year 1998, for the respective funds hereinafter designated and the number of dollars hereinafter specified with respect to each of said funds.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that:

(A) The taxes to be levied and charged against the taxable property in Whatcom County, Washington, to cover expenditures in 1999 are to be set at the previous year's level, with any increases to be the direct request from the taxing district;

(B) The amounts collected through the County general levy shall be limited to the amount of 1998 taxes, increased for the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property. The amounts collected through the County general levy shall be limited to a zero (0) percent rate increase;

(C) The Whatcom County Council does hereby authorize a diverting of a portion of the County Road District levy in the amount of \$496,530, for the budget year 1999 only, to the Current Expense Fund account Diverted County Road Taxes to be used for the support of County traffic law enforcement services in the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County;

amended

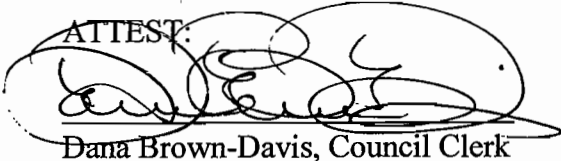
(D) Because the state of Washington is unable to provide the figures and documentation necessary to establish fixed levy rates, as these figures do become available from the state, levies shall be fixed per "Exhibit A" which shall be prepared by the County Assessor, and attached and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that 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 1999; and the amounts to be apportioned to the original assessments for construction in said districts are as follows per "Exhibit B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if the State Legislature changes any laws affecting levies contained herein, and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office concurs, the Whatcom County administration will change such levies accordingly.

ADOPTED this 24 day of November, 1998.

ATTEST:



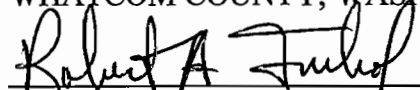
Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



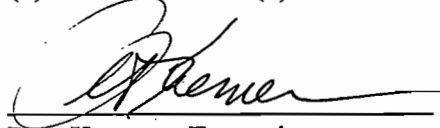
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robert A. Imhof, Chair

APPROVED NOT APPROVED



Pete Kremen, Executive

Date: 12-9-98