

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2005-426

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:			RECEIVED NOV - 1 2005 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	11/09/05	Introduction
Division Head:				11/22/05	Hearing
Dept. Head:	<i>DLP</i>	10/21/05			
Prosecutor:	<i>RAW</i>	10/31/05			
Purchasing/Budget:	<i>BS</i>	10/31/05			
Executive:	<i>DLP</i>	10/31/05			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:
Adoption of an Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for County and State Purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the Year of 2006 Pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10.

ATTACHMENTS:
Proposed Ordinance

SEPA review required? () Yes (X) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes () NO
SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

The proposed ordinance adopts the Whatcom County 2006 tax levy.

COMMITTEE ACTION:	COUNCIL ACTION:
	11/9/2005: Introduced
	11/22/2005: Adopted 7-0, Ord. #2005-081

Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number: Ord. #2005-081
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Please Note: *Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County's website at: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council.*

INTRODUCED BY: Consent
PROPOSED BY: County Executive
DATE: November 9, 2005

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-081

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES
FOR COUNTY AND STATE PURPOSES
IN WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON,
FOR THE YEAR OF 2006
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 a budget and proposed tax and revenue ordinances necessary to raise sufficient revenues to balance the budget; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council has approved a budget for the 2005–2006 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures; and,

WHEREAS, the biennial budget has detailed listings of various revenues including property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council has held a public hearing concerning the biennial budget, the property tax rates, and revenues included therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Whatcom County Council:

(A) The property taxes for Whatcom County are hereby levied and are to be charged to the assessment and tax rolls of Whatcom County; and,

(B) Property taxes are levied in 2005 for collection in 2006; and,


(C) The amounts collected through the County general levy shall be limited to the amount of 2005 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 2006 levy in the amount of \$ 0, which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year; and,

(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.

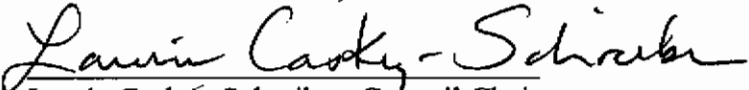
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the taxes to be levied against parcels of property within the Diking Districts, Drainage Districts, and Drainage Improvement Districts are to be credited to the individual maintenance funds for the year 2006, and the amounts to be apportioned to the original assessments for construction in said districts are as follows per "Exhibit B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if the Washington 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 22 day of November, 2005.


Dana Brown Davis, Council Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM
Randy [Signature]
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Council Chair

APPROVED NOT APPROVED


Pete Kremen, Executive

Date: 11-29-05

**EXHIBIT A AND B WILL BE
AVAILABLE AFTER THE
FIRST OF THE YEAR 2006**