

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL**

NO. 2009-413

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	BB	10/20/09	<b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>OCT 20 2009</b>  <b>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	10/27/09	Introduction
Division Head:				11/10/09	Hearing
Dept. Head:				11/24/09	Special COTW/ Council
Prosecutor:	RAW	10/20/09			
Purchasing/Budget:	BB	10/20/09			
Executive:	PK	10/20/09			

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**  
*Adoption of an Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for County Conservation Futures Purposes for 2010*

**ATTACHMENTS:**  
*Proposed Ordinance*

SEPA review required? ( ) Yes (X) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? (X) Yes ( ) NO
SEPA review completed? ( ) Yes ( ) NO	Requested Date: 11/10/2009

**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 2010 tax levy for Conservation Futures.*

<p><b>COMMITTEE ACTION:</b>                  11/24/2009: Discussed</p>	<p><b>COUNCIL ACTION:</b>                  10/27/2009: Introduced                  11/10/2009: Held to November 24, 7-0                  Written record open to November 24                  11/24/2009: Substitute accepted, Amended &amp; Adopted 5-2 Fleetwood &amp; Weimer opposed                  Ord. 2009-078</p>
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Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number: Ord. 2009-078
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**INTRODUCED BY:** Consent  
**PROPOSED BY:** County Executive  
**DATE:** October 27, 2009

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-078**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES**  
**FOR CONSERVATION FUTURES PURPOSES FOR 2010**

**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,

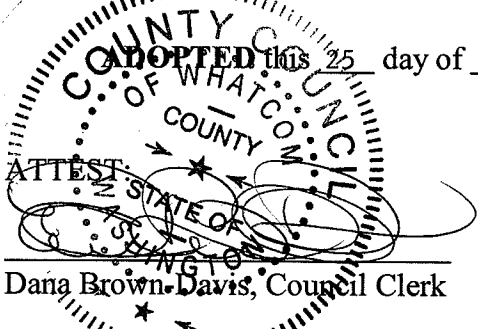
**WHEREAS**, the County Council has approved a budget, for the 2009-2010 biennium, including all sources of revenues and anticipated expenditures; and,

**WHEREAS**, the biennial budget provides 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 that amounts collected through the County Conservation Futures levy shall be limited to the amount of 2009 taxes less \$543,000, plus any increase 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 2010 levy in the amount of minus \$543,000, which is a percentage decrease of (56.7)% from the previous year.

ADOPTED this 25 day of November, 2009



Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Seth Fleetwood, Council Chair

APPROVED     NOT APPROVED

Pete Kremen, Executive

Date: 12.09.09