

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2009-414

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	BB	10/24/09	RECEIVED OCT 20 2009 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	10/27/09	Introduction
Division Head:				11/10/09	Hearing
Dept. Head:				11/24/09	Special COTW/ Council
Prosecutor:	RON	10/26/09			
Purchasing/Budget:	BB	10/20/09			
Executive:	PK	10-20-09			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:

An Ordinance Limiting The 2010 General Fund Property Tax Levy

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 limits the Whatcom County 2010 Property tax levy and establishes new maximum allowable General Fund property tax levy.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

11/24/2009: Discussed

COUNCIL ACTION:

10/27/2009: Introduced
 11/10/2009: Held to November 24, 7-0
 Written record open to November 24
 11/24/2009: Council Amended & Adopted 6-1
 Weimer opposed
 Ord. 2009-079

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number: Ord. 2009-079

INTRODUCED BY: Consent
PROPOSED BY: County Executive
DATE: October 27, 2009

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-079

**AN ORDINANCE LIMITING THE 2010
GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

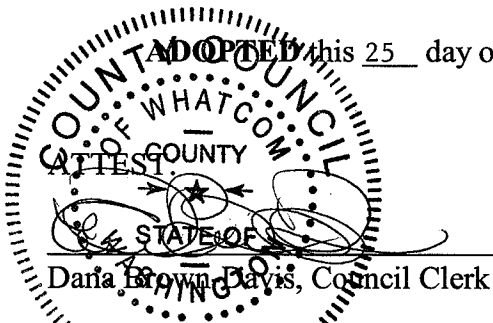
WHEREAS, the County Council has met and considered amendments to the 2009-2010 biennial budget, and;

WHEREAS, the County Council, in the course of considering the budget for 2009-2010 has reviewed all sources of revenue and examined all anticipated expenses and obligations; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has determined it is necessary to decrease the Conservation Futures tax levy by \$543,000 for 2010 and increase the General Fund property tax levy by an off setting \$543,000 for 2010 to fund essential county services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Whatcom County Council: That amounts collected through the County general levy shall be limited to the amount of 2009 taxes plus \$543,000, 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 and 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 \$543,000, which is a percentage increase of 2.2% from the previous year.

ADOPTED this 25 day of November, 2009.



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Seth Fleetwood, Council Chair

APPROVED () NOT APPROVED

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Pete Kremen, Executive

Date: 12.09.09