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2 Effective: December 21, 2009

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4 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
5 Snohomish County, Washington

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7 AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 09-141

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9 RELATING TO PROPERTY TAXES, FIXING THE 2010  
10 ROAD PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY,  
11 AND PRESERVING FUTURE LEVY CAPACITY  
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13 WHEREAS, the 2010 annual budget for Snohomish County contains detailed  
14 listings of various revenues, including property taxes; and  
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16 WHEREAS, a preliminary estimated assessed value of taxable real property in  
17 unincorporated Snohomish County is \$41.2 billion which is subject to adjustment for  
18 senior citizens exemptions as provided in RCW 84.36.381, omitted assessments as  
19 provided in RCW 84.40.080, and other adjustments as provided by law; and  
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21 WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 84.55 RCW, a taxing jurisdiction may levy  
22 property taxes in an amount no greater than the highest regular tax which could have  
23 been lawfully levied beginning with the 1985 levy multiplied by a limit factor; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the limit factor for taxing jurisdictions with a population of 10,000 or  
26 greater is the lesser of 101 percent or 100 percent plus inflation, which has been  
27 determined to be 99.152 percent for 2010; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Chapter 84.55 RCW allows taxing jurisdictions to determine whether  
30 a substantial need exists for an increase in property tax levies above the lesser of 101  
31 percent or 100 percent plus inflation, and to establish a limit factor of up to 101 percent;  
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34 WHEREAS, the property tax levy imposed by this ordinance is intended to  
35 include additional amounts, if any, that may be allowed under the new construction,  
36 increases in assessed value due to construction of wind turbine facilities, improvements  
37 to property, and state-assessed property provisions of RCW 84.55.010 and, as provided  
38 in RCW 84.55.070, the refund provisions of Chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW; and  
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40 WHEREAS, the County Council desires to protect the County's future levy  
41 capacity pursuant to RCW 84.55.092; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the County Council finds that the levy of road property taxes set  
2 forth in this ordinance is in the best interests of the County;  
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5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:  
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7 Section 1. The annual amount of the road property tax levy authorized to raise  
8 the amount of revenues required by Snohomish County for expenditure during calendar  
9 year 2010 is hereby levied upon all real and personal property subject to taxation in  
10 Snohomish County as set forth in the table below:  
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12 2010 ROAD PROPERTY TAX LEVY  
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Use of Funds	Estimated Levy Rate	Levy Amount
Road Levy	1.2958	\$53,401,442

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15 Section 2. The amount set forth in Section 1 is hereby levied upon all real and  
16 personal property in accordance with certified assessed values and the completed tax  
17 rolls of Snohomish County for collection in 2010. That estimated property tax levy  
18 amount is intended:  
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20 (a) to include an increase above the County's 2010 levy amount as  
21 authorized by separate ordinance pursuant to RCW 84.55.120;  
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23 (b) to include any additional amounts allowed under (i) the new  
24 construction, increases in assessed value due to construction of wind turbine  
25 facilities, improvements to property, and state-assessed property provisions of  
26 RCW 84.55.010, and (ii) as provided in RCW 84.55.070, the refund provisions of  
27 Chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW; and  
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29 (c) to exclude any amounts in excess of the 2010 maximum levy amount  
30 resulting from application of the limit factor, plus those additional amounts  
31 described in paragraph (b) above;  
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33 and shall be adjusted by the County Assessor when property values are certified.  
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