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4 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
5 Snohomish County, Washington

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7 ORDINANCE NO. 19-064

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9 RELATING TO PROPERTY TAXES;  
10 FIXING THE 2020 GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR  
11 SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND PRESERVING FUTURE LEVY CAPACITY  
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13 WHEREAS, the 2020 budget for Snohomish County contains detailed listings of  
14 various revenues, including property taxes; and  
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16 WHEREAS, a preliminary estimated assessed value of taxable real property in  
17 Snohomish County is \$145.56 billion which is subject to adjustment for senior citizens  
18 exemptions as provided for in RCW 84.36.381 and for omitted assessments as provided  
19 for in RCW 84.40.080, and any other adjustments 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% or 100% plus inflation, which, as of August 30, 2019, has  
27 been determined to be more than 101% for 2020; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined to maintain the County's 2020  
30 general property tax levy at 100% of the amount of the 2019 general property tax levy;  
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33 WHEREAS, the County Council desires to protect the County's future levy  
34 capacity pursuant to RCW 84.55.092; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the property tax levy set out in Section 1 is intended to include  
37 additional amounts, if any, that may be allowed under the new construction, increases in  
38 assessed value due to construction of wind turbine facilities, improvements to property,  
39 and state-assessed property provisions of RCW 84.55.010 and, as provided in RCW  
40 84.55.070, the refund provisions of Chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW; and  
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42 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council finds that the levy of general fund  
43 property taxes set forth in this ordinance is in the best interests of the County.  
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2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:  
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4 Section 1. The annual amount of general property tax levy necessary to raise  
5 the amount of revenues required by Snohomish County for expenditure during calendar  
6 year 2020 is hereby levied upon all real and personal property subject to taxation in  
7 Snohomish County as set forth in the table below.  
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9 2020 GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY  
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Use of Funds	Estimated Levy Rate	Estimated Levy Amount
General Levy	\$.6546	\$95,284,826

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12 Section 2. The amount set forth in Section 1 is hereby levied upon all real and  
13 personal property in accordance with certified assessed values and the completed tax  
14 rolls of Snohomish County for collection in 2020. That estimated property tax levy  
15 amount is intended:  
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17 (a) to include 100% of the County's 2019 levy amount;

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19 (b) to include any additional amounts allowed under (i) the new  
20 construction, improvements to property and state-assessed property provisions  
21 of RCW 84.55.010 and, (ii) as provided pursuant to RCW 84.55.070, the refund  
22 provisions of Chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW, and  
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24 (c) to exclude any amounts in excess of the 2020 maximum levy amount  
25 resulting from application of the limit factor, plus those additional amounts  
26 described in paragraphs (a) and (b) above;  
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28 and shall be adjusted by the County Assessor when property values are certified.  
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30 Section 3. Any unused general property tax levy capacity for the 2020 tax year  
31 is reserved for future levy as provided by RCW 84.55.092.  
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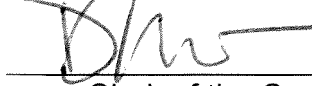
34 PASSED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.  
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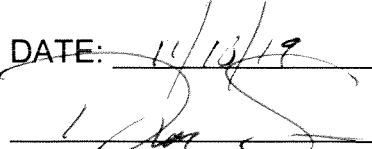
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County Executive

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Melissa Prugh

Approved as to form only:

  
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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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4 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
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7 ORDINANCE NO. 19-065

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9 AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN GENERAL TAX REVENUES  
10 FOR PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED IN 2020

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12 WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing on November 12, 2019,  
13 following public notice as required by law to consider the County's annual budget,  
14 including revenue sources for calendar year 2020, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the County Council, after hearing and duly considering all relevant  
17 evidence and testimony presented, including evidence and testimony presented upon  
18 consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 19-064, has determined that an increase in  
19 general tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to the increases resulting from  
20 the addition of new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind  
21 turbine facilities, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property under RCW  
22 84.55.010, and from the refund provisions of Chapters 84.68 and 84.69 RCW, is  
23 necessary in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the County  
24 and in its best interests.

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26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, that an  
27 increase in property tax revenues for taxes collected in 2020, in addition to the  
28 increases resulting from the addition of new construction, improvements to property,  
29 newly constructed wind turbine facilities, and any increase in the value of state-  
30 assessed property under RCW 84.55.010 and from the refund provisions of Chapters  
31 84.68 and 84.69 RCW, and having considered up to the maximum lawful levy amount of  
32 \$7,358,740 which is a percentage increase of up to 8.07 (eight and seven tenths)  
33 percent from the previous year, is hereby authorized in the amount of \$0 for the 2020  
34 general levy, which is a percentage increase of 0 (zero) percent from the previous year.  
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36 PASSED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

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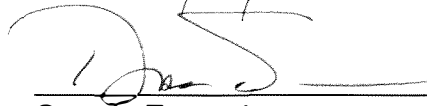
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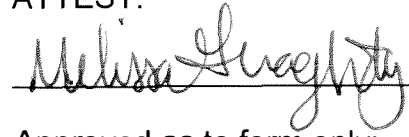
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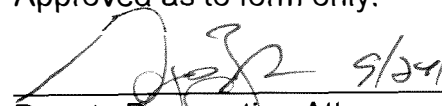
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14 Approved as to form only:

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17 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
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