

**ORDINANCE NO. XXXX**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON INCREASING THE TAX RATE FOR SOLID WASTE, WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES TO TWELVE PERCENT (12%) AND AMENDING SECTIONS 5.06.080(C) AND 5.06.120(B) OF THE SNOQUALMIE MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on July 28, 2014, the Snoqualmie City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1135;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 1135 made permanent a utility tax rate change on solid waste and City water and sewer utility charges, from 6% to 9%, to fund certain projects in the City's Capital Improvement Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, property tax is the main revenue source for the City's General Operating Fund and increases are capped at one percent (1%) annually by Chapter 84.55.010 of the Revised Code of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, inflation in the Seattle area has been substantially higher than one percent (1%);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Snoqualmie as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The City Council hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the above recitals as findings in support of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Amended Sections 5.06.080(C) and 5.06.120(B). Sections 5.06.080(C) and 5.06.120(B) of the SMC are hereby amended to read as follows:

**5.06.080 Solid waste collection.**

(C) The rate of tax imposed by this section on businesses engaged in the business of solid waste collection service shall equal twelve percent of the total gross income from such business conducted within the city of Snoqualmie.

**5.060.120 Water and Sewer Services.**

(B) The rate of tax imposed by this section on businesses engaged in the business of solid waste collection service shall equal twelve percent of the total gross income from such business conducted within the city of Snoqualmie.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Section 4. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such finding shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section of this ordinance.

Section 5. Corrections by the City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations, or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

**PASSED** by the Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington at a regular meeting thereof and

**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Snoqualmie on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

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Katherine Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Deana Dean, City Clerk

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David Linehan, Interim City Attorney