

ORDINANCE NO. 40-17

AN ORDINANCE TERMINATING CURRENT USE TIMBER LAND CLASSIFICATION RCW 84.34 AND MERGING CURRENT USE TIMBER LAND RCW 84.34 WITH DESIGNATED FOREST LAND PROGRAM RCW 84.33

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 6180 was passed by the Washington State Legislature in 2014 which provided the county legislative authority the option to merge its timber land classification with its designated forest land program; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Commission finds it is in the public interest to merge the County's Current Use Timber land (CUTL) classifications program with its Designated Forest Land (DFL) program; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Commission voted in open public regular session to approve the merger of its Current Use Timber Land and Designated Forest Land programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mason County Board of County Commissioners that:

1. All Current Use Timber Land classifications granted in Mason County prior to the effective date of this ordinance are hereby terminated; and
2. Any land that had been classified as Mason County Current Use Timber Land is now designated as forest land under Chapter 84.33 RCW; and
3. The date the property was classified as Current Use Timber Land is considered to be the date the property was designed as forest land; and
4. The County Assessor is requested to: (a) notify each owner of Current Use Timber land of the merge by certified mail; and (b) notify the state Department of Revenue that Mason County has merged its Current Use Timber Land classification into its Designated Forest Land program.
5. When Designated Forest Land is removed from designation, only compensating tax will be collected in accordance with RCW 84.33.104(12), unless otherwise provided by law.

Adopted and effective this 18<sup>th</sup> day of ~~June~~<sup>July</sup>, 2017.

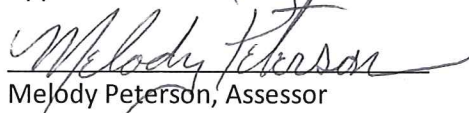
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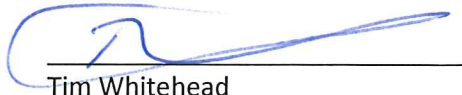
  
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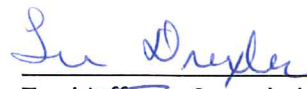
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