

Resolution No. 42-17

Amends Resolution No. 83-04

Fee Schedule for

Current Use Assessment Programs and Designated Forest Land

WHEREAS, the Open Space Taxation Act, enacted in 1970, allows property owners to have their Open Space, Farm and Agricultural, and Timber Lands valued at their current use rather than their highest and best use;

WHEREAS, RCW 84.34.030 states "An owner...desiring current use classification...The application shall be accompanied by a reasonable processing fee if such processing fee is established by the city or county legislative authority...";

WHEREAS, RCW 84.33.130 (2) states "An owner of land desiring that it be designated as forest land...The application shall be accompanied by a reasonable processing fee when the county legislative authority has established the requirement for such a fee."

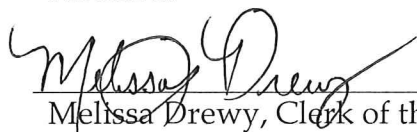
WHEREAS, after reviewing the current fees, a public hearing was held on July 18, 2017 to take public comment;

WHEREAS, the Mason County Assessor has recommended that the fees for the Current Use assessment programs and for the Designated Forest Land program be increased to \$500.00 for both new applications and reclassifications;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MASON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO increase the fee to \$500.00 for each application and reclassification for the Open Space, Farm and Agriculture, Timber Land and Designated Forest Land programs.

Effective this 18th day of July, 2017.

ATTEST:


Melissa Drewy, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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