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RESOLUTION NO. 95-009

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1994 OPEN SPACE/TIMBER APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Planning Division received from the County Council nine (9) transfer applications for open space land tax assessment for review and recommendations pursuant to RCW 84.34; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to WAC Section 197-11-800(6)(c), matters relating to Open Space taxation are determined not to be major actions and are exempt from the threshold determination and environmental impact statement requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.34.041, applications for Open Space/Timber are not subject to evaluation under the County's Public Benefit Rating System but must meet certain criteria established in RCW 84.34.041; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.34.041, recommendations for approval or denial of Open Space/Timber applications are made directly to the Council from the Planning Division and are not subject to Planning Commission review; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Division reviewed the nine applications for transfer from Classified/Designated Forest and Open Space Agriculture from David & Yvonda Anderson, Martin & Maureen Anderson, Bradley & Diana Anderson, John & Lorna Stern, Scott & Andrea Thompson, Steve & Lois Buckner, Doug & Ardis Freeman, Doug & Colleen Freeman, & J. David Jenkins, and determined that all met the criteria set forth in RCW 84.34.041; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Division forwarded its recommendations to Council; and

WHEREAS, Council held a public hearing on February 7, 1995 to consider the Planning Division's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Council agreed that the nine applications met all the criteria as set forth in RCW 84.34.041.

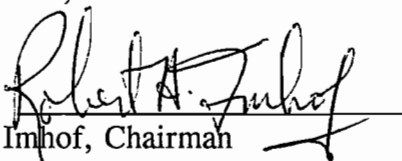
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL:

1. The Whatcom County Council approves the transfer applications to Open Space/Timber from: David & Yvonda Anderson; Martin & Maureen Anderson; Bradley & Diana Anderson; John & Lorna Stern; Scott & Andrea Thompson; Steve & Lois Buckner; Doug & Ardis Freeman; Doug & Colleen Freeman; and J. David Jenkins.


2. The Council directs the Assessor to place these parcels in the Open Space/Timber tax status category.
3. Adjudication of invalidity of any of the sections, clauses or provisions of this Resolution shall not affect or impair the validity of the Resolution as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

PASSED this 7 day of February, 1995.

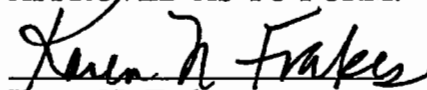
WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robert A. Imhof, Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

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