

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Marlene Dawson				2/14/95	County Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	DG	2/9/95			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

**SUBJET:** Policy on transfer of fee-title lands to federal tribal trust status.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** *Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.*

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / / YES / / Requested date:
Amount budgeted for this item/project:	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / / NO / / (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

**ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:**

**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:**

2/14/95: Amended approved

SPONSORED BY: DAWSON

PROPOSED BY: DAWSON

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2/14/95

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RESOLUTION NO. 95-012  
POLICY ON TRANSFER OF FEE-TITLE LANDS TO  
FEDERAL TRIBAL TRUST STATUS

WHEREAS, over the years, tribal trust lands were sold and transferred into private ownership through fee-title conversions; and

WHEREAS, these lands after transfer are included in property subject to taxation and jurisdiction of governmental agencies such as the county, school districts, and fire districts; and

WHEREAS, these governmental agencies have developed zoning policies, land use regulations, and other various public services and regulations which assumed and relied upon the inclusion of these former tribal trust lands as integral components of their operations and as payers of a proportionate share of revenue to support governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, conversion of these privately owned lands back to tribal trust status intensifies jurisdictional problems related to zoning, land use regulation, water rights, private owners associations, education, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of all affected parties to stabilize jurisdictional boundaries and to minimize the potential for conflict;

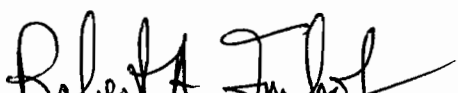
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that re-conversion of fee-title lands to tribal trust status is found not to be in the best interests of the people of Whatcom County, and the Administration is requested to advise appropriate Federal and Tribal officials that Whatcom county opposes any further transfer of fee-title lands to tribal trust status.

APPROVED this 14 day of February, 1995.

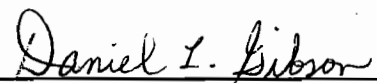
WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
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ATTEST:

  
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Ramona Reeves, Council Clerk

  
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Robert A. Imhof, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Civil Deputy Prosecuting Atty.