

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: P&DS - Elizabeth K. Olsen	EKO	10/9/97	RECEIVED OCT 15 1997 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	10/21/97	Introduction
ion Head: Sylvia Goodwin	SG	10/9/97		11/18/97	P & D / Council
Dept. Head: Michael Knapp	MK	10/9/97			
Prosecutor:	KAF	10/9/97			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	PR	10-14-97			

SUBJECT: FILE NO: 9702-OPEN SPACE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OPEN SPACE/TIMBER APPLICATIONS

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Resolution
 Agency Report with attached Staff Report with ratings and maps
 Excerpts from Draft Planning Commission Minutes, September 25, 1997

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

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

Planning and Development Services received six (6) Open Space/Timber applications of which five were Open Space/Timber applications and one was a transfer from Designated Forest to Open Space/Timber. On September 25, 1997, the Planning Commission recommended to approve all six Open Space/Timber applications.

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION: The Director of Planning and Development Services recommends the Council uphold the Planning Commission recommendations as described in the attached resolution.

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1997- 353 10/21/97: Introduced
 11/18/97: Approved 7 - 0. Res. #97-070

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

Res # 97-070

INTRODUCED BY: Consent
PROPOSED BY: PLANNING
DATE: 10/21/97

RESOLUTION NO. 97-070

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
1997 OPEN SPACE/TIMBER**

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission received six (6) new 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 36.70.390, legal notice was published in the Bellingham Herald on September 11, 1997, and a copy of said notice was sent in a timely manner to all applicants; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 1997, the Planning Commission opened the public hearing on the applications and received testimony from the Planning Division staff regarding the proposed Open Space/Timber; and

WHEREAS, Open Space/Timber is evaluated upon conformance with RCW 84.34.041; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends approval of the Open Space/Timber applications from Joseph Elenbaas (2 parcels), Max Duncan / Holly Koon, Ardith Z. Paul and Amy Unger; and approval of the transfer from Designated Forest to Open Space/Timber from Pieter and Vickie de Jong; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has forwarded its recommendations to Council; and

WHEREAS, Council held a public meeting on November 18, 1997 to consider the Planning Commission's recommendations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL:

1. The Whatcom County Council approves the Open Space/ Timber applications for: Joseph Elenbaas (2 parcels), Max Duncan / Holly Koon, Ardith Z. Paul and Amy Unger.

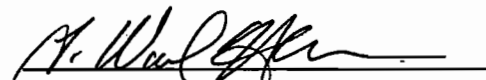
2. The Whatcom County Council approves the applications for transfer from Designated Forest to Open Space/Timber for: Pieter and Vickie de Jong.

4. The Council directs the Assessor to place the parcels in the appropriate Open Space status category.

5. 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 18 day of November, 1997.

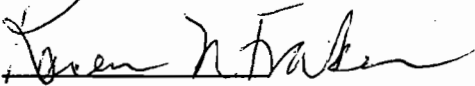
WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


L. Ward Nelson, Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council
Dana Brown-Davis

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Karen N. Frakes
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney