

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2007-463

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator: Paula J. Cooper	<i>PKC</i>	11/7/07	RECEIVED NOV 13 2007 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	11-20-07	Council Introduction
Division Head: Jon Hutchings	<i>JH</i>	11.7.07		12-4-07	Public Hearing
Dept. Head: Frank Abart	<i>FA</i>	11/1/07			
Prosecutor: Dan Gibson	<i>DG</i>	11/08/07			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	<i>ON</i>	11-9-07			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT: *A Resolution by the Governing Body of the County-Wide Flood Control Zone District (WCFCZD) extending the current WCFCZD funding mechanism and levels for the Sumas/Nooksack/Everson Subzone*

ATTACHMENTS:

SEPA review required? () Yes (X) NO SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? (X) Yes () NO Requested Date: December 4, 2007
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SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors of the Flood Control Zone District that the activities funded through the District and this Subzone be continued for the next year, as the District needs a continuing source of funding during that time.

This resolution will extend the funding mechanism through 2008.

<p>COMMITTEE ACTION:</p>	<p>COUNCIL ACTION: 11/20/2007: Introduced 12/4/2007: Council Approved 7-0 Res. 2007-071</p>
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<p>Related County Contract #:</p>	<p>Related File Numbers:</p>	<p>Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res. 2007-071</p>
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SPONSORED BY: CONSENT
PROPOSED BY: PUBLIC WORKS
INTRODUCTION DATE: November 20, 2007

*A Resolution by the Governing Body of the
County-wide Flood Control Zone District
hereinafter referred to as the Whatcom County
Flood Control Zone District (WCFCZD)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-071

**AMENDING THE CURRENT WHATCOM COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT (WCFCZD)
FUNDING MECHANISM AND LEVELS FOR THE
SUMAS/NOOKSACK/EVERSON SUBZONE**

WHEREAS, the WCFCZD was duly created by Whatcom County to provide a governmental entity and structure through which to address flooding and achieve flood damage reduction in Whatcom County; and,

WHEREAS, the Sumas/Nooksack/Everson Subzone was established, in terms of governance structure, as set forth thoroughly in the preamble to Ordinance 97-051; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2006-071 provided for a funding mechanism through December 31, 2007 and is now expiring; and,

WHEREAS, since it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors of the flood control zone district that the activities funded through the Subzone be continued for 2008, the district needs a continuing source of funding during that time; and,

WHEREAS, the use of assessments is a proper funding mechanism for Subzone activities;

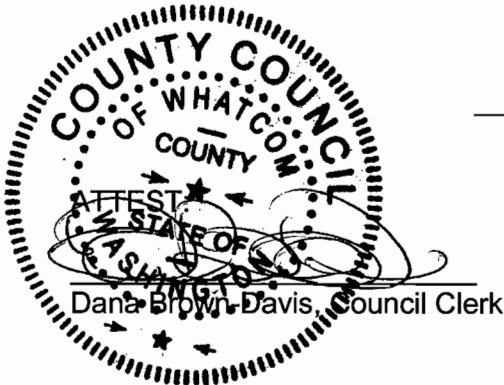
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the WCFCZD Board of Supervisors that the funding mechanism for the Sumas/Nooksack/Everson Subzone, be as follows:

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following parcels are exempt from paying
2 fees to the Sumas/Nooksack/Everson Subzone:
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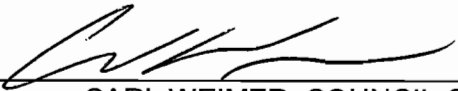
- 4 a. All parcels owned by the Federal Government,
5 b. All parcels classified as Indian Lands held in trust,
6 c. All parcels exclusively classified as mineral rights,
7 d. All parcels owned by the State, classified as "bedlands or
8 tidelands",
9 e. All parcels with total fair market value (per County Assessor
10 records) less than or equal to \$2,500.
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12 APPROVED this 4th day of December, 2007.
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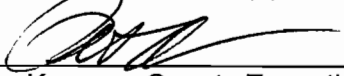
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16 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
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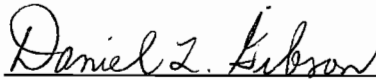

CARL WEIMER, COUNCIL CHAIR

() Approved () Denied


Pete Kremen, County Executive

Date: 12-12-07

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Daniel L. Gibson, Senior Civil Deputy
Prosecuting Attorney

1	Type of Parcel	Sub-zone Fee	Minimum Fee
2	Unimproved,	\$0.25/acre	\$5.00/parcel
3	outside flood hazard area		
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5	Improved,	\$0.375/acre	\$5.00/parcel
6	outside flood hazard area		
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8	Unimproved,	\$0.50/acre	\$5.00/parcel
9	within flood hazard area		
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11	Improved,	\$2.50/acre	Improvement Value / Minimum fee
12	within flood hazard area		\$1 – \$24,999 = \$5.00/parcel
13			\$25,000 - \$49,999 = \$30.00/parcel
14			\$50,000 - \$100,000 = \$55.00/parcel
15			\$100,001 - \$300,000 = \$75.00/parcel
16			greater than \$300,000 = \$200.00/parcel
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18	Unimproved, part in		
19	and out of flood hazard area	Prorated by area	\$5.00/parcel
20		\$0.25/acre out, and	
21		\$0.50/acre in	
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23	Improved, part in	Prorated by area	Improvement Value / Minimum fee
24	and out of flood hazard area	\$0.375/acre out, and	\$1 – \$24,999 = \$5.00/parcel
25		\$2.50/acre in*	\$25,000 - \$49,999 = \$30.00/parcel
26			\$50,000 - \$100,000 = \$55.00/parcel
27			\$100,001 - \$300,000 = \$75.00/parcel
28			greater than \$300,000 = \$200.00/parcel
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30 *If the improvement can be shown to be located entirely outside of the flood hazard
31 area, the rate applied to the acreage within the flood hazard area can be reduced to the
32 unimproved rate of \$0.50/acre in the flood hazard area.
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34 For purposes of this resolution, the term “parcel” is defined to include auxiliary
35 residential units, such as condominiums and mobile homes when they are not included
36 in the parent land parcel.
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38 Fees for all parcels designated as “Open Space”, Classified Forest Land, Designated
39 Forest Land and Non-commercial Forest and Forest Reserves will be reduced by 40%.
40 However, in no instance shall the reduction operate to reduce the amount owing below
41 the \$5.00 minimum per parcel.
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43 Flood hazard areas, for purposes of this resolution, are defined as those areas mapped
44 as 100-year floodplains or alluvial fans as shown on the latest maps produced by the
45 Federal Emergency Management Agency and being used by the County for
46 administering the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.
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