

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2008-168

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator: Elizabeth K. Olsen	EKO	3/17/08	RECEIVED APR 01 2008 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	4/8/08	Introduction
Division Head: Linda Peterson	LP	3-20-08		4/22/08	P&D/Council
Dept. Head: David Stalheim	DS	3-24-08			
Prosecutor: Royce Buckingham	RB	3-25-08			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive: Peter Kremen	PK	4-1-08			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:

A Resolution Adopting Recommendations For Open Space/Open Space and Open Space Timber Applications.

ATTACHMENTS:

*Draft Resolution
Agency Report with attached Staff Report, ratings sheets and maps
Excerpts from Planning Commission Minutes, January 10, 2008*

SEPA review required? () Yes (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) No	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) No
SEPA review completed? () Yes (N/A) No	Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

The Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended approval of nine applications for Open Space Timber. Subsequently, one (1) application for Open Space Timber that had received a recommendation of approval has been withdrawn by the applicant from further consideration.

The Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended approval of two (2) applications for OPEN SPACE/ OPEN SPACE .

** Distribution Request: Assessors Dept – Jean Eastman*

COMMITTEE ACTION:

4/22/2008: Forwarded to Council for approval

COUNCIL ACTION:

4/08/2008: Introduced
4/22/2008: Council Approved 7-0
Res. 2008-034

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:
OS 2008-1

Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res. 2008-034

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SPONSORED BY: CONSENT
PROPOSED BY: PDS
INTRODUCTION DATE: 4/8/2008

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-034

A RESOLUTION APPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OPEN SPACE/OPEN SPACE AND OPEN SPACE/TIMBER APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission reviewed eleven (11) applications for Open Space and forwarded the 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 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 Sunday, December 30, 2007, and a copy of said notice was sent in a timely manner to all applicants; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, January 10, 2008, the Planning Commission opened the public hearing on the applications and received testimony from the Planning Division staff regarding the proposed Open Space/Open Space and Open Space Timber applications; and

WHEREAS, Open Space/Open Space evaluations are based on the Public Benefit Rating System; and

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Open Space/Open Space application for the Dan and Jeffie Pike property with a public access requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Open Space/Open Space application for the Stephen George property with no public access due to the anadromous fish habitat in Power Creek ; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Open Space/Timber applications for:

New applications into Open Space Timber from Maryse and Terradan Sagewynd, Dan and Jeffie Pike, Eric Amsberry, and Eugene and Ernestine Ketchum; Transfers from Designated Forestry to Open Space Timber for: Congregation Beth Israel, and Amy Jamieson; An updated Timber Management Plan for continuance of Open Space Timber for Brian Berg; Transfer from Open Space Agriculture to Open Space Timber from the Gardiner/Whittaker Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission forwarded its recommendation to the Whatcom County Council; and

WHEREAS, as of February 22, 2008 William Baader has withdrawn his Open Space Timber application; and

WHEREAS, the County held a public meeting on April 22, 2008 to consider the Planning Commission's recommendations; and

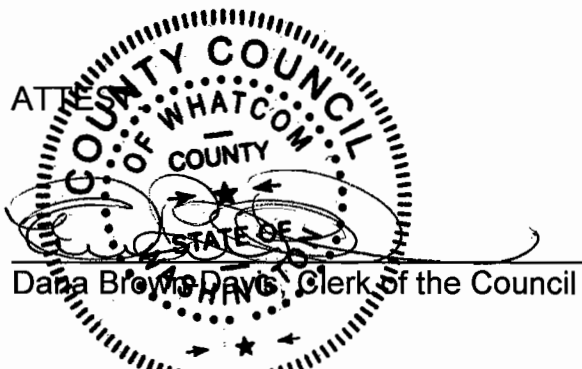
WHEREAS, the County Council adopted the Planning Commission's recommendations on April 22, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL:

1. The Whatcom County Council approves the Open Space/Open Space application for the Dan and Jeffie Pike property with a public access requirement; and
2. The Whatcom County Council approves the Open Space/Open Space application for the Stephen George property with no public access.
3. The Whatcom County Council approves the Open Space/Timber applications for: Maryse and Terradan Sagewynd, Dan and Jeffie Pike, Eric Amsberry, and Eugene and Ernestine Ketchum; Transfers from Designated Forestry to Open Space Timber for Congregation Beth Israel, and Amy Jamieson; An updated Timber Management Plan for Continuance of Open Space Timber for Brian Berg; Transfer from Open Space Farm and Agriculture to Open Space Timber for the Gardiner/Whittaker Trust.

4. The Whatcom County 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.

APPROVED, this 22 day of April, 2008.

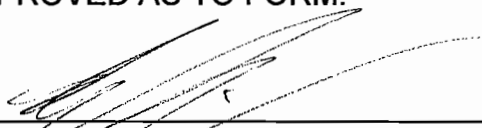


Dana Brown Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Carl Weimer, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Royce Buckingham
Civil Deputy Prosecutor