

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-003

**IN THE MATTER OF LEVYING A FISCAL YEAR 2021 ASSESSMENT
AGAINST ALL QUALIFYING LANDS IN PACIFIC COUNTY REGARDING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL PER RCW 17.10.240**

WHEREAS, as the legislative authority of Pacific County, the Board of County Commissioners may, in lieu of a tax, levy an assessment against the land for the purpose of appropriations for noxious weed control per RCW 17.10.240; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners previously adopted Resolution No. 2019-059 on November 26, 2019 in the matter of implementing a noxious weed assessment against all qualifying lands in Pacific County for fiscal year 2020 per the recommendations of the Pacific County Noxious Weed Control Board in accordance with RCW 17.10.240; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific County Noxious Weed Control Board, at the behest of its membership during an open public hearing on December 21, 2020, officially requested that the Board of Pacific County Commissioners adopt a resolution that will provide adequate funding for the Pacific County Noxious Weed Control Program in fiscal year 2021 by levying an assessment against all qualifying lands in Pacific County using the rate schedule and land classifications outlined in the table below:

Land Classification	Assessment Rate
Non-forest lands (less than one acre)	Three dollars (\$3.00) per parcel
Non-forest lands (one acre and larger)	Three dollars (\$3.00) per parcel, plus ten cents (\$0.10) per acre
Designated Forestlands	Thirty cents (\$0.30) per parcel, plus one cent (\$0.01) per acre
Federal/Tribal Lands	Non-Applicable
Exempt Parcels	Non-Applicable

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 17.10.240 (1) (a), the Board of County Commissioners, acting as the legislative authority of Pacific County may, after a public hearing, accept or modify by resolution the level of assessment proposed by the Pacific County Noxious Weed Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to maintain the same assessment rates in fiscal year 2021 as those prescribed within Resolution No. 2019-059 for fiscal year 2020; now, therefore

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Pacific County Commissioners levy an assessment against all qualifying lands in Pacific County for the purpose of fiscal year 2021 appropriations for noxious weed control per RCW 17.10.240; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with RCW 17.10.240 (1) (a), the Board of County Commissioners, acting as the legislative authority of Pacific County, and having conducted a public hearing regarding this matter on January 12, 2021, shall accept by this resolution the level of assessment proposed by the Pacific County Noxious Weed Control Board during that Board's open public hearing on December 21, 2020; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that final noxious weed control assessment rates for fiscal year 2021 shall be calculated as follows:

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that the land classifications referenced herein shall be defined as follows for the purpose of this assessment:

Non-forest lands – All lands within Pacific County that are not specifically exempted or classified within another category. This includes all incorporated and unincorporated lands, personal property mobile homes, condominiums, and state-owned lands.

Designated Forestlands – Forestlands used solely for the planting, growing, or harvesting of trees and which are typified, except during a single period of five years following clear-cut logging, by canopies so dense as to prohibit growth of an understory. This category is required by RCW 17.10.240, which stipulates that forestlands should be assessed at a rate that shall not exceed one-tenth of the per parcel assessment on non-forestlands.

Federal/Tribal Lands – All federal lands including U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands, U.S. Forest Service lands, and all tribal lands.

Exempt Parcels – This category includes parcels that are considered to have no value for taxation or that receive no benefit from noxious weed control. This may include mineral rights parcels and/or float houses.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution #2019-059 in the matter of implementing a noxious weed assessment against all qualifying lands in Pacific County shall be repealed on December 31, 2020 at 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time and concurrently replaced with this resolution, which shall remain in effect until December 31, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time unless otherwise repealed or rescinded.

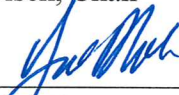
PASSED by the following vote this 12th day of January, 2021 by the Board of Pacific County Commissioners meeting in regular session at South Bend, Washington, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage:

3 YEA; Ø NAY; Ø ABSTAIN; and Ø ABSENT.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Lisa Olsen, Chair



Frank Wolfe, Commissioner



Mike Runyon, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Marie Guernsey, Clerk of the Board