

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-062

**IN THE MATTER OF IMPLEMENTING A NOXIOUS WEED ASSESSMENT
AGAINST ALL QUALIFYING LANDS IN PACIFIC COUNTY PER THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PACIFIC COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED
CONTROL BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH 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 Pacific County Noxious Weed Control Board, at the behest of its membership during a special public meeting on November 26, 2018, 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 by levying an assessment against all qualifying lands in Pacific County using the rate schedule and land classifications outlined in this resolution.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that the assessment rates for the purpose of appropriations for noxious weed control shall be prescribed per the recommendations of the Pacific County Noxious Weed Control Board during their open public special meeting conducted on June 29, 2021.

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 appropriations for noxious weed control per RCW 17.10.240 and shall be calculated as follows:

<u>Land Classification</u>	<u>Assessment Rate</u>
Non-forest lands (<1 acre)	\$3.00 per parcel
Non-forest lands (1 acre and larger)	\$3.00 per parcel, plus \$0.10 per acre
Designated Forestlands	\$0.30 per parcel, plus \$0.01 per acre
Federal/Tribal Lands	N/A
Exempt Parcels	N/A

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 the terms of this resolution shall be deemed effective Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 12:00:01 a.m. Pacific Time.

PASSED by the following vote this 10th day of December, 20 21 by the Board of Pacific County Commissioners meeting in continued session at South Bend, Washington, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage:

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT

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