

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Skamania County, Washington

IN THE MATTER OF }
AMENDING SKAMANIA COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 3.45 }
TITLED "OPEN SPACE TAXATION ACT" TO ESTABLISH }
AN APPLICATION FEE FOR DESIGNATED FOREST LAND } ORDINANCE 2010-03
AND TO INCREASE THE APPLICATION FEES FOR }
CLASSIFICATION OF LAND UNDER CHAPTER 84.34 RCW }

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, and having before it the need to consider amendment to Skamania County Code Title "Open Space Taxation Act", Chapter 3.45 to establish a processing fee for Designated Forest Land applications under Chapter 84.33 and to increase the processing fee for applications for classification of land under Chapter 84.34 Revised Code of Washington (RCW); and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.33.130(2) allows that a reasonable processing fee shall accompany applications to the county assessor for land to be designated as forest land when the legislative authority has established the requirement for such a fee; and

WHEREAS, WAC 458-30-220(2) allows the county legislative authority to establish a processing fee to accompany each application for classification or reclassification of land under Chapter 84.34 RCW for current use classification in an amount to reasonably cover the processing costs of the application; and

WHEREAS, it is been determined to be in the best interest of the citizens of Skamania County to establish a processing fee for applications to the county assessor for land to be designated as forest land under Chapter 84.33 RCW; and

WHEREAS, through analysis it has been determined that the actual application processing costs are found to be reasonable and that the application processing fees should remain at a \$200 base fee for single parcel applications, but to increase each additional parcel within the application to \$50.00; and

WHEREAS, legal notification was given in the Skamania County Pioneer and published on April 21, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on May 4, 2010, at which time all persons present were given an opportunity to speak for or against the proposed amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that Skamania County Code is hereby amended to place the "Open Space Taxation Act" within Title 3.45, Section .030 of the Skamania County Code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Section .030 Fees, Chapter 3.45, Open Space Taxation Act, of the Skamania County Code is amended to read as follows:

3.45.030 – Fees.

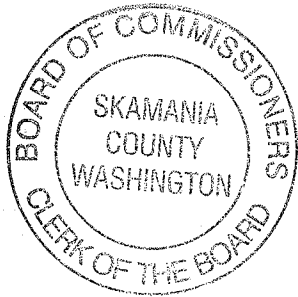
The processing fee for Designed Forest Land applications under Chapter 84.33 and applications for classification or reclassification of land under Chapter 84.34 RCW is hereby established and maintained at \$200 base application fee for a single parcel application, plus \$50.00 for each additional parcel within the application. This fee shall be paid at the time of filing of the application and is not refundable if the application is denied.

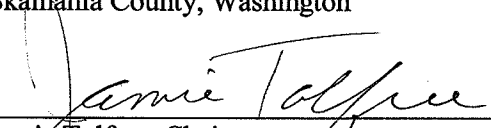
All future increases and/or decreases of the processing fee shall be approved by resolution of the legislative authority.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that the application processing fees pursuant to Section 3.45.030 of the Skamania County Code shall become effective as of the date of adoption.

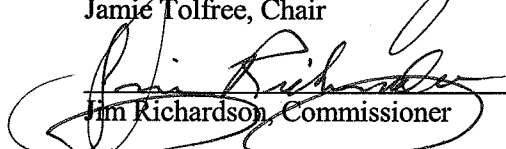
DATED this 4th day of May 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Skamania County, Washington





Jamie Tolfree, Chair



Jim Richardson, Commissioner




Paul Pearce, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Peter Banks,
Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney