

# Agenda Summary Report (ASR)

## Franklin County Board of Commissioners

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| <b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b> 5-27-21  | <b>PREPARED BY:</b> John Rosenau  |
| <b>Meeting Date Requested:</b> 6-8-21   | <b>PRESENTED BY:</b> John Rosenau |
| <b>ITEM:</b> (Select One)      Consent Agenda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brought Before the Board<br>Time needed: 5 minutes  |                                   |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b> Open Space Fee Increase   |                                   |
| <b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> None  |                                   |
| <b>BACKGROUND:</b> The State of Washington has just enacted an increase effective July 25, 2021 that will increase recording fees for Open Space Filing to \$203.50 for the first page and \$1.00 for each page thereafter. The open space fee was raised in 2005 to \$150.00 which now will not even cover the recording fees. |                                   |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Approve the attached Ordinance increasing the onetime Open Space application fee from \$150.00 to \$450.00.  |                                   |
| <b>COORDINATION:</b> Jen Johnson, Chief Civil DPA & Risk Manager Franklin County  |                                   |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> Ordinance No. _____   |                                   |
| <b>HANDLING / ROUTING:</b> (Once document is fully executed it will be imported into Document Manager. Please list <u>name(s)</u> of parties that will need a pdf)<br>John Rosenau, Assessor's Office<br>Jen Johnson, Prosecutor's Office   |                                   |

*I certify the above information is accurate and complete.*

*John Rosenau Assessor* Name, Title



**FRANKLIN COUNTY ORDINANCE 09-2021**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

***ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FEES FOR APPLICATIONS TO  
CLASSIFY LANDS UNDER THE OPEN SPACE TAXATION ACT, RCW 84.34.***

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Open Space Tax Act of 1970 and RCW 84.34 allows owners of qualifying open space, farm and agricultural, and timber lands to apply for a classification and special property tax treatment for their qualifying lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the office of the Franklin County Assessor receives, investigates, and acts upon applications for classification of farm and agricultural lands and has ongoing duties with respect to such lands after classification is granted; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 of the said Open Space Tax Act and RCW 84.34.030 provides for the charging of reasonable fees, established by the county legislative authority for processing applications for classification; and

**WHEREAS**, the processing fee for current use agriculture applications has not been increased since 2005 and recording fees alone will be more than the current application fee amount; and

**WHEREAS**, four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) is a reasonable fee for the processing and recording of current use farm and agriculture applications, based on the cost of review and administration by the office of the Franklin County Assessor, and recording fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that effective July 25, 2021, the fees for processing applications for classification of lands in Franklin County under the Open Space Tax Act, RCW 84.34, shall be \$450.00 for farm and agricultural lands applications.

**Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2021**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Clint Didier, Chair

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Rocky Mullen, Chair Pro Tem

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Brad Peck, Member

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board