

MOTION NO. 2193

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2 A MOTION setting forth criteria for approval
3 of, and standard conditions for administering
4 current use taxation requests for timber
5 lands of five to twenty acres in size.

6 WHEREAS, the State Open Space Taxation Act (RCW 84.34) as
7 amended provides for the inclusion of timber lands of five acres
8 or more in the County's current use assessment program as open
9 space land subject to Council action after a public hearing; and

10 WHEREAS, state law relating to current use taxation of open
11 space lands authorizes the local legislative authority to
12 determine the qualification of nonfarm open space applications
13 for current use taxation by weighing the benefits to the general
14 welfare of preserving the current use of the property against the
15 potential loss in revenue which may result from granting the
16 application; and

17 WHEREAS, the costs in legislation and administrative time
18 are significant and continue to rise; and

19 WHEREAS, in response to the above factors the Open Space
20 program of King County has been substantially modified and
21 restricted by County Ordinance No. 2250; and

22 WHEREAS, the Council desires to make current use assessment
23 available to owners of strategic smaller parcels of timber land
24 which do not qualify under other timber taxation programs because
25 of parcel size, and do not meet the criteria set forth in
26 Ordinance 2250.

27 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

28 (1) The following criteria be established as a basis for
29 Council approval of current use taxation requests for timber
30 parcels between five and twenty acres:

31 (a) The request must include at least five acres of timber
32 land;

33 (b) The property must lie within an established FR
(Forestry Recreation) or A (Agricultural) zone.

1 (2) The following standard conditions of approval be
2 applied to all such properties granted current use taxation:

3 (a) The property to be classified shall not include any
4 improvements other than improvements devoted to the production of
5 timber.

6 (b) The property shall be managed in accordance with a
7 forest management plan, primarily for the production of
8 commercial timber species.

9 (c) The property shall comply with the restocking, forest
10 management, fire protection, insect and disease control, and
11 forest debris provisions of Title 76 RCW or any applicable
12 regulations thereunder.

13 (d) The property may be used for other compatible
14 recreational and/or educational purposes so long as these uses do
15 not interfere or conflict with the aforementioned mandatory
16 criteria.

17 (3) A new ordinance be drawn for approval of current use
18 taxation requests for timber parcels between five and twenty
19 acres based on the criteria outlined in (1) above.

20 PASSED this 14th day of October, 1975.

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22 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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25 Chairman

26 ATTEST:

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28 Clerk of the Council *ACTING*