



KING COUNTY

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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Ordinance 20057

Proposed No. 2026-0007.2

Sponsors Perry

1 AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of
2 the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the
3 application for public benefit rating system assessed
4 valuation for open space submitted by Melissa Mohr and
5 Eric Seidenberger for property located at 1705 SW 156th
6 Street, Vashon, WA, designated department of natural
7 resources and parks, water and land resources division file
8 no. E25CT006.

9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10 SECTION 1. This ordinance does hereby adopt and incorporate herein as its
11 findings and conclusions the findings and conclusions contained in Attachment A to this
12 ordinance, the report and recommendation of the hearing examiner dated March 5, 2026,
13 to approve subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed
14 valuation for open space submitted by Melissa Mohr and Eric Seidenberger for property
15 located at 1705 SW 156th Street, Vashon, WA, designated department of natural
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17 does hereby adopt as its action the recommendation or recommendations contained in the
18 examiner's report.

Ordinance 20057 was introduced on 1/6/2026 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/7/2026, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis,
Mosqueda and von Reichbauer
Excused: 1 - Perry

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Signed by:

Sarah Perry

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Sarah Perry, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Hearing Examiner Report dated March 5, 2026

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March 5, 2026

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
TO THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT**

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources and Parks file no. **E25CT006**
Proposed ordinance no. **2026-0007**
Parcel no/s. **242302-9038**

MELISSA MOHR AND ERIC SEIDENBERGER

Application for Current Use Assessment under the Public Benefit Rating System

Location: 1705 SW 156th Street, Vashon

Applicants: **Melissa Mohr and Eric Seidenberger**
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Vashon, WA 98070
Telephone: (859) 312-1981
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King County: Department of Natural Resources and Parks
represented by **Bill Bernstein**
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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Department's Recommendation: Approve 7.88 acres for 50% reduction in appraised value.

Examiner's Recommendation: Approve 7.88 acres for 50% reduction in appraised value.

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:

Per Ch. 20.36 KCC, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) transmitted the subject application along with its Report for Property Enrollment in the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRS) File No. E25CT006, to the Examiner.

On February 26, 2026, the Examiner conducted a remote public hearing on the application Bill Bernstein, representing DNRP, presented the application and DNRP’s recommendation.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

1. Except as modified herein, the facts set forth in DNRP’s staff report and testimony at the February 26, 2026, public hearing are correct and incorporated here by reference. We will provide copies of this report and DNRP’s staff report to the King County Council for final action.
2. The property at issue is at 1705 SW 156th Street, Vashon, Parcel No. 242302-9038, owned by the Applicants Melissa Mohr Eric Seidenberger.
3. The Applicants timely filed an application with King County for current use assessment of the above identified property under the PBRS to begin in 2026.
4. Timely and proper legal notice of the public hearing on the application was provided.
5. **PBRS Categories.** A list of the PBRS Open Space Resource categories requested by the Applicant and identified by DNRP as relevant to the property are provided below. Categories that DNRP determined were eligible (or eligible with contingencies) for credit are assigned the applicable number of points.

Aquifer protection area	5
Farm and agricultural conservation land	5
Total points awarded	10

The DNRP-recommended score of 10 points results in a 50% reduction in the appraised value of the enrolled portion of the property. Each category with DNRP recommended points is discussed below.

6. **Aquifer protection area – 5 points.** The entire property is located in an area designated as a critical aquifer recharge area (CARA 3). The natively forested area is greater than one acre in size and meets the minimum required acreage for this category.
7. **Farm and agricultural conservation land - 5 points.** The property contains approximately five acres of traditional farmland that is being managed according to an approved King Conservation District farm management plan.

8. **Contingencies, Conditions, and Requirements.**

- A. There is no contingency for approval of a farm management plan because the property is already being managed in accordance with a King Conservation District-approved farm management plan.
- B. Award of points for the “farm and agricultural conservation land” category requires an annual progress report from the landowner which must be sent to PBRS staff each year by either email or other agreed method.
- C. Award of points under all categories requires ongoing control and removal of invasive plant species and noxious weeds on the property.
- D. All other requirements as listed in DNRP’s staff report are incorporated.

9. **Enrollment Acreage.** The Applicants requested 7.40 acres and DNRP recommends 7.88 acres of the subject property be enrolled in the PBRS program. (Enrollment acreage is the entire parcel less the excluded area, as calculated by DNRP. If the County Assessor’s official parcel size is revised, the PBRS acreage shall be administratively adjusted to reflect that change.)

10. Approval of 10 points and a current use valuation of 50% reduction in appraised value for 7.88 acres is consistent with Ch. 20.36 KCC and with the purposes and intent of King County to maintain, preserve, conserve, and otherwise continue in existence adequate open space lands and to assure the use and enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-being of King County and its citizens.

RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE a 50% reduction in appraised value for a 7.88 acre portion of the property, subject to the requirements as set forth herein and in DNRP’s staff report.

DATED March 5, 2026.



Devon Shannon
Hearing Examiner

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A party may appeal an Examiner report and recommendation by following the steps described in KCC 20.22.230. By **4:30 p.m.** on **March 30, 2026**, an electronic appeal statement must be sent to Clerk.Council@kingcounty.gov, to hearingexaminer@kingcounty.gov, and to the party email addresses on the front page of this report and recommendation. Please consult KCC 20.22.230 for the exact filing requirements.

If a party fails to timely file an appeal, the Council does not have jurisdiction to consider that appeal. Conversely, if the appeal requirements of KCC 20.22.230 are met, the Examiner will notify parties and interested persons and will provide information about next steps in the appeal process.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2026, HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF MELISSA MOHR AND ERIC SEIDENBERGER, FILE NO. E25CT006

Devon Shannon was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the Hearing Examiner's Office.

The following exhibits were offered by DNRP and entered into the record:

Exhibit no. 1	DNRP report to the Hearing Examiner
Exhibit no. 2	<i>Reserved for future submission of the affidavit of hearing publication</i>
Exhibit no. 3	Legal notice and introductory ordinance to the King County Council
Exhibit no. 4	Arcview/orthophotograph and aerial map
Exhibit no. 5	Application signed and notarized

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