



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 14, 2018

Ordinance 18820

Proposed No. 2018-0472.1

Sponsors Upthegrove

1 AN ORDINANCE amending the application fee for the
2 public benefit rating system program for open space,
3 agricultural, and timber lands current use assessment
4 provisions; amending Ordinance 1076, Section 4, as
5 amended, and K.C.C. 20.36.040.

6 PREAMBLE:

7 Current use taxation programs, as defined in chapters RCW 84.33 and
8 84.34, offer a property tax reduction to landowners who voluntarily
9 preserve or manage lands within four categories: open space land or land
10 in the public benefit rating system, farm and agriculture land, timber land
11 and designated forest land.

12 King County defined its open space program by adopting a public benefit
13 rating system program in 1992, and a number of changes to the program
14 have been made to improve the program, including a fee increase in 2011.

15 The application fee contributes to the funding of the public benefit rating
16 system application processing, and this increase will offset general funds
17 allocated to help ensure sustainable outreach to maintain the program
18 participation at current levels.

19 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

20 SECTION 1. Ordinance 1076, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.36.040 are
21 each hereby amended to read as follows:

22 A. Except as provided in subsection B. of this section, the applicant shall pay a
23 current use filing fee, payable to the King County finance and business operations division
24 or its successor, in the amount of (~~four hundred eighty~~) six hundred twenty dollars for
25 each open space or timber land application and one hundred eighty one dollars for each
26 farm and agriculture application.

27 B. If an application is filed to add farm and agricultural conservation land, forest
28 stewardship land, resource restoration, or rural stewardship land category to a parcel that
29 is already enrolled in the public benefit rating system, no fee shall be charged for that
30 application.

31 C. In the case of all farm and agricultural land applications, whether the
32 application is based on land within or outside of an incorporated area, the entire fee shall
33 be collected and retained by the county. In the case of open space or timber land
34 applications based on land in an incorporated area of the county, where the city
35 legislative authority has set no filing fee, the county fee shall govern and the entire fee
36 shall be collected and retained by the county. Where the city legislative authority has
37 established a filing fee for open space or timber land applications based on land in an
38 incorporated area of the county, the fee established in subsection A. of this section shall
39 be collected by the county from the applicant and the county shall pay the city one-half of
40 the fee collected. The amount paid by the county to the city shall not exceed the fee
41 established by the city. The city shall be responsible for collecting any fees that it has
42 established that exceed one-half of the amount established by subsection A. of this

43 section.

44 SECTION 2. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2019.

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Ordinance 18820 was introduced on 10/1/2018 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/13/2018, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



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APPROVED this 19 day of NOVEMBER 2018.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None