



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Ordinance 19829

Proposed No. 2024-0220.2

Sponsors Upthegrove

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 Steven and Casey
 5 Litz for property located at 34203 SE 270th Street,
 6 Ravensdale, WA, designated department of natural
 7 resources and parks, water and land resources division file
 8 no. E24CT004.

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 August 26,
 13 2024, to approve subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system
 14 assessed valuation for open space submitted by Steven and Casey Litz for property
 15 located at 34203 SE 270th Street, Ravensdale, WA, designated department of natural
 16 resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT004. The council

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17 does hereby adopt as its action the recommendation or recommendations contained in the
18 examiner's report.

Ordinance 19829 was introduced on 7/16/2024 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/1/2024, by the following vote:

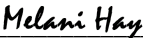
Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Signed by:

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Dave Upthegrove, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Hearing Examiner Report dated August 26, 2024

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August 26, 2024

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE
METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources and Parks file no. **E24CT004**
Proposed ordinance no. **2024-0220**
Parcel no. **262207-9120**

STEVEN AND CASEY LITZ

Open Space Taxation Application (Public Benefit Rating System)

Location: 34203 SE 270th Street, Ravensdale

Applicants: **Steven and Casey Litz**
34203 SE 210th Street
Ravensdale, WA 98051
Telephone: (425) 351-8456
Email: ravensdale7@aol.com

King County: Department of Natural Resources and Parks
represented by **Megan Kim**
201 S. Jackson Street
Suite 5601
Seattle, WA 98104
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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Department's Recommendation: Contingently approve 4.26 acres for 50% of assessed value
Examiner's Recommendation: Contingently approve 4.26 acres for 50% of assessed value

PRELIMINARY REPORT:

On July 30, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) submitted its report on file no. E24CT004 to the Examiner.

PUBLIC HEARING:

After reviewing the preliminary report and examining available information on file with the application, the Examiner conducted a remote public hearing on August 13, 2024. Participants at the public hearing and the exhibits offered and entered are listed in the attached minutes. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the Hearing Examiner's Office.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

1. General Information:

Owners:	Steven Casey Litz 34203 SE 210th Street Ravensdale, WA 98051
Location:	34203 SE 270th Street, Ravensdale
STR:	SW-26-22-07
Zoning:	RA5
Parcel no.:	262207-9120
Total acreage:	5.10 acres
2. The Applicants timely filed an application to King County for the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRS) program current use valuation of the property to begin in 2025. As required by law, notification of the application occurred.
3. The property is currently enrolled in the Farm and Agricultural Land program. The purpose of this application is to reclassify the property and enroll it in PBRS. Any new open space taxation agreement must supersede that agreement.
4. Enrollment is contingent on submittal of a King Conservation District-approved farm management plan by **October 31, 2025**. Because the property is ineligible for any other PBRS resource category, failure to qualify as farm and agricultural conservation land precludes the property from enrolling in PBRS.
5. As to the land area recommended for PBRS enrollment, the Applicants requested 3.14 acres and DNRP recommends 4.26 acres. (Enrollment acreage is the entire parcel less the excluded area, as calculated by DNRP. In the event the County Assessor's official parcel size is revised, the PBRS acreage shall be administratively adjusted to reflect that change.)
6. Except as modified herein, we find the facts set forth in DNRP's preliminary report and testimony at the August 13, 2024, public hearing correct and we incorporate them by

reference. We will provide copies of this report and DNRP's report to the Metropolitan King County Council for final approval.

7. Contingent approval of five points and a current use valuation of 50% of assessed value for 4.26 acres is consistent with KCC chapter 20.36 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 current use valuation of 50% of assessed value for the 4.26-acre enrolled portion of the property, CONTINGENT on submittal of a King Conservation District-approved farm management plan by **October 31, 2025**.

DATED August 26, 2024.



David Spohr
King County Hearing Examiner

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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 AUGUST 13, 2024, HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF STEVEN AND CASEY LITZ, FILE NO. E24CT004

David Spohr was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Megan Kim participated in the hearing.

The following exhibits were offered and entered into the hearing 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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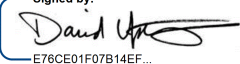
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