RESOLUTION NO. _83_04 AMENDS RESOLUTION NO. 26-00 FEE SCHEDULE

CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS and DESIGNATED FOREST LAND

WHEREAS, the Open Space Taxation Act, enacted in 1970, allows property owners to have their open space, farm and agricultural, and timberlands valued at their current use rather than their highest and best use;

WHEREAS, RCW 84.34.030 states "An owner...desiring current use classification...The application shall be accompanied by a reasonable processing fee if such processing fee is established by the city or county legislative authority...";

WHEREAS, RCW 84.33.130 (2) states "An owner of land desiring that it be designated as forest land... The application shall be accompanied by a reasonable processing fee when the county legislative authority has established the requirement for such a fee."

WHEREAS, after reviewing the current fees, a public hearing was held on September 21, 2004 to take public comment;

WHEREAS, the Mason County Assessor has recommended that the fees for the Current use Assessment Programs and for the Designated Forest Land Program be increased to \$250 and a reclassification fee of 50% of the actual fee be charged for those applications requesting a reclassification in the Current Use Assessment Programs and the Designated Forest Land Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MASON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO increase the fee to \$250 for each application for the Current Use Assessment Program of Farm and Agricultural Land, Open Space Land and Timber Land and for each application for Designated Forest Land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED TO charge a reclassification fee of 50% of the actual fee for those applications requesting a reclassification in the Current Use Assessment Programs and the Designated Forest Land Program.

Effective this 21st day of September, 2004.

ATTEST:	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board	Thesley E. Johnson 9/21/04 Wesley E. Johnson, Chairperson
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	Windley
Michael Clift, Chief Deputy	Herb Baze, Commissioner
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