Resolution No. <u>93-06</u> A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MASON COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the 2006 Work Plan indicates that a Open Space and Public Benefit Rating System shall be established in Mason County; and

WHEREAS, an Open Space and Public Benefit Rating System will serve as a reclassification system for tax purposes of open space and other lands providing public benefit in Mason County; and

WHEREAS, a Public Benefit Rating System will define both the criteria for evaluating land for open space enrollment and the reduction rate such classification will have on the landowner's property taxes; and

WHEREAS, a committee consisting of a diverse group of citizens with the necessary training, background, experience, expertise, and interest will provide a level of involvement and guidance that is critical in creating an effective and publicly accepted Open Space and Public Benefit Rating System Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mason County Commissioners that a Mason County Open Space Advisory Committee shall be established and that the County Commissioners shall appoint the members and chairperson;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee shall be charged with the task of creating a draft Open Space and Public Benefit Rating System Ordinance for Mason County. The Committee shall terminate on June 29, 2007 unless extended by the County Commissioners; the Planning Advisory Commission shall be asked to appointed a liaison to the Committee; and the Planning Department, Public Works Department, Assessor's Office, Prosecutor's Office, and the Parks Department shall provide staff assistance to the Committee.

DATED this <u>5th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2006.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Prosecuting Attorney

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