

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION FOR THURSTON COUNTY OFFUT LAKE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 24

A RESOLUTION declaring the intention of the Board of Thurston County Commissioners to establish Offut Lake Management District No. 24 pursuant to RCW Chapter 36.61; and setting a public hearing on formation of the same.

Whereas, The Board of Thurston County Commissioners makes the following findings of fact:

1. RCW 36.61 establishes counties authority to establish a lake or beach management district, which is a County-managed program, and outlines the process by which a lake or beach management district may be initiated.
2. Representatives from the Offut Lake community submitted a petition to Thurston County requesting the Board of County Commissioners to consider formation of Offut Lake Management District No. 24.
3. The petition submitted meets all minimum requirements of RCW 36.61 and is a valid petition. 66 signatures were collected representing 54% of the total acreage proposed for the LMD boundary. Total acreage of the LMD was verified against the County Assessors data and fulfills the 20% of acreage requirement under RCW 36.61.
4. The legal process for formation of a Lake Management District includes a public process, including public hearings and a vote of landowners affected by the proposed district.
5. The petition is legally sufficient, and the proposed lake management district appears to be in the public interest and financially feasible.
6. A Thurston County Lake Management District is a County-managed program, directed by Public Works and supported by a County-managed advisory committee consisting of representatives from the lake community who provide input and information to Public Works on short and long-term lake management strategies.
7. Public Works maintains staff that serve as technical experts regarding lake management activities. These staff receive professional training and development and are responsible for adhering to County policies and procedures and manage all lake programs to achieve alignment with best practices and greater County initiatives and guiding principles.
8. Thurston County Lake Management Districts are subject to all County adopted policies and procedures and are required to align work plans to compliment and support all Board adopted programs.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Thurston County, Washington, does resolve as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to RCW 36.61.030, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the valid petition by community members supporting the formation of Offut Lake Management District No. 24.

Section 2. The purpose of the proposed Lake Management District is to protect water quality, fish and wildlife, recreation, and aesthetic values of Offut Lake through the implementation of appropriate County-managed best management practices and programs.

Section 3. The proposed estimated revenue raised via annual rates and charges is \$82,991 for the first year with a maximum escalation for inflation of 5% per year for the following nine (9) years.

Section 4. The proposed formula for annual rates and charges to property is as follows:

Lakefront Developed

- \$750 per parcel

Lakefront Undeveloped

- \$375 per parcel

Upland Parcels

- \$70 per parcel

Habitat Reserve Parcels

- \$94 per parcel

Washington State Fish and Wildlife Boat Launch

- \$16,200

Offut Lake Resort

- \$1,500

The Thurston County Auditor's Office, senior and disabled persons property tax exemption program would apply to qualifying rate payers.

Section 5. The district is proposed for a term of 10 years, beginning January 1, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2032.

Section 6. The proposed boundaries of the district are all properties fronting on or having community access to Offut Lake. See Map.

Section 7. The proposed district, if formed, would operate under the direction of Public Works, utilizing the Thurston County Lake Management District Administrative Rules attached as Exhibit No. 1 to this Resolution. The Lake Management Administrative Rules shall be updated from time to time and are written and administered by Public Works.

Section 8. A public hearing on the formation of the proposed Offut Lake Management District No. 24 shall be held on November 1, 2022 at the Thurston County Courthouse, Building 1, Room 280.

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Clerk of the Board

CAROLINA MEJIA, Chair

TYE MENSER, Vice-Chair

GARY EDWARDS, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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