

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION 67- 2021

A resolution adopting proposed levels of assessment for horticultural pests and disease control in Okanogan County

WHEREAS, the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners on September 8, 1969 adopted provisions of the Horticultural Pest and Disease Board Act passed by the legislature-Chapter 113-laws of 1969, which later became RCW 15.09; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2020, the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners approved resolution 186-2021 setting the Pest Control Levy at \$2.25 per commercial orchard acre for levy collection in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Okanogan County Pest Control Agent Dan McCarthy retired in February 2021; and

WHEREAS, On March 9th, 2021 Okanogan, Chelan, and Douglas Counties entered into a Tri County Interlocal Agreement for the control of horticultural pests and diseases in Okanogan County, with Chelan County as the lead agency and provider of the Pest Control Agent who will provide services for the Tri Counties (Okanogan, Chelan & Douglas) in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement provisions and laws of Revised Code of Washington Chapter 15.08 and 15.09, and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2021, in accordance with RCW 15.09.135, the Okanogan County Pest and Disease Control Board held a public hearing to gather information to serve as a basis for classifying lands into suitable classification for assessment, including but not limited to orchard lands, range lands, dry lands, nonuse lands, forestlands, and/or state and federal lands; and

WHEREAS, after public hearing the Okanogan County Pest and Disease Control Board forwarded to the County Commissioners a proposed per parcel assessment to include all parcels at \$1.61/per parcel (46,100 taxable parcels) combined with the commercial planted orchard acre assessment of \$2.25/per acre (27,103 tree fruit acres); and

WHEREAS, after publishing notice in the newspaper or record, the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners held a Public Hearing on June 8, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. to hear testimony for or against the proposed assessment and the hearing was continued to June 22 at 10:00 a.m. by the County Commissioners to gather additional public testimony and to allow opportunity to the public to review the authority within RCW; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners shall accept or modify by resolution, or refer back to the horticultural pest and disease board for its reconsideration, all or any portion of the proposed levels of assessment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Okanogan County Horticultural, Pest and Disease Control Assessment levy for 2022 shall be \$1.61 per parcel for all classified lands within Okanogan County including but not limited to: orchard lands, dry lands, range lands, irrigated lands, forestlands, and/or state and federal lands; and all other lands with a classification of "planted commercial orchard acres" shall be assessed at \$2.25 cents per acre, based on a 2021 estimated operating budget of \$140,457 as submitted by the Okanogan County Horticulture, Pest and Disease Control Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall not apply to Trust Indian Land under the control of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Colville Confederated Tribes, or those lands subject to number 1 category Senior Citizen Exemptions in which case those lands shall be exempt from this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this levy shall extend to all land within Okanogan County, both incorporated and un-incorporated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this levy may be adjusted from year to year based on the budget submitted by the Okanogan County Horticulture, Pest and Disease Control Board when approved, by motion, by the Board of County Commissioners; and

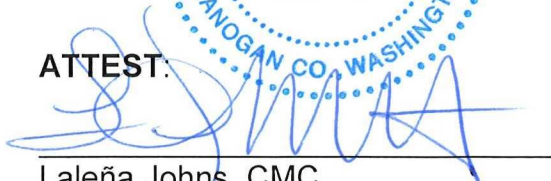
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Okanogan County Assessor and the Okanogan County Treasurer are hereby directed to perform the necessary duties to comply with this resolution and RCW 15.09.135.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 22 day of June 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**




ATTEST:


Laleña Johns, CMC
Clerk of the Board


Chris Branch, Chairman


Andy Hover, Member


Jim DeTro, Member