

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION 119-2023

A resolution adopting systems of rates and charges to be imposed by Okanogan County Conservation District.

WHEREAS, the Okanogan Conservation District is a governmental subdivision of the State of Washington and a public body corporate and politic, created in Okanogan County to perform duties pursuant to the preservation of lands and to protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its people; and

WHEREAS, systems of rates and charges are authorized to be imposed for conservation districts as provided in RCW 89.08.400; and,

WHEREAS, Okanogan Conservation District Resolution 2023-04 proposed a system of rates and charges and calculated them within the parameters of a rate model from the FCS Rate Study and were adjusted downward so as not to exceed the maximum rates under RCW 89.08.405; and

WHEREAS, the rates are an allocable share of the costs of services/benefits received or available to the property owners in the District from District services and programs, all for the preservation of natural resources, protection of public lands and waters, and protection and promotion of the health, safety and general welfare of the lands and people of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Okanogan County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing in accordance with RCW 89.08.400 on September 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. and continued to September 19, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. and,

WHEREAS, notice of the original public hearing was published in the county's newspaper of record and posted in six locations: Brewster Food Mart, Okanogan City Hall, Omak City Hall, Omak Community board (by feed store), Tonasket City Hall, and Tonasket Junction; and

WHEREAS, the recommended system of rates and charges is impartially fair to the taxpayers of Okanogan County and feasible with the Assessor's established assessment procedures; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution shall not apply to Trust Indian Land under the control of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Colville Confederated Tribes, or to other federal lands owned by the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, all those lands subject to Number 1 Category Senior Citizen Exemptions shall also be exempt from this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Okanogan Conservation District system of rates and charges for the calendar years beginning in 2024 and continuing through the end of 2033 shall be four dollars and ninety-four cents (\$4.94) per parcel and ten cents (\$0.10) per acre for all classified parcels within the District's boundaries, including those owned by the State of Washington for which the Assessor has parcel numbers and mailing addresses, except forest lands (classified under RCW 84.33 and RCW 84.34) which shall have a rate of three dollars (\$3.00) per landowner and one-tenth of the weighted average per acre rate of all other assessed lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all those lands subject to Number 1 Category Senior Citizen Exemptions shall be exempt from this resolution and the rates and charges set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall not apply to Trust Indian Land under the control of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Colville Confederated Tribes, or to other lands owned by the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Okanogan Conservation District shall pay up to 5%, of yearly revenues to the Okanogan County Assessor and Treasurer to help defer the cost of the implementation and maintenance of the assessment. This payment shall be due July 15th of each year; and

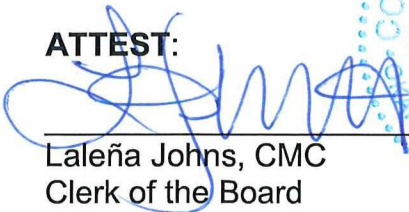
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the rates and charges shall be applied to all lands within Okanogan County, both incorporated and un-incorporated, except as excluded by the boundaries of the Okanogan Conservation District now or as they may be amended, or as they are excluded in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Okanogan County resolution 105-2016 is hereby replaced entirely with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 17.10.240.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 19th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:



Laleña Johns, CMC
Clerk of the Board



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OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**



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