

Proposed No. 2016-0561.2

KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

February 28, 2017

Ordinance 18461

Sponsors McDermott

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1	AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of
2	the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the
3	application for public benefit rating system assessed
4	valuation for open space submitted by Hilary Lorenz and
5	Darcey Peterson for property located at 20937 266th Place
6	SE, Maple Valley, WA, designated department of natural
7	resources and parks, water and land resources division file
8	no. E16CT022.
9	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
10	SECTION 1. This ordinance does hereby adopt and incorporate herein as its
11	findings and conclusions the findings and conclusions contained in attachment A, the
12	report and recommendation of the hearing examiner dated January 23, 2017, to approve
13	subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation
14	for open space submitted by Hilary Lorenz and Darcey Peterson for property located at
15	20937 266th Place SE, Maple Valley, WA, designated department of natural resources
16	and parks, water and land resources division file no. E16CT022, and the council does

- 17 hereby adopt as its action the recommendation or recommendations contained in the
- 18 report.

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Ordinance 18461 was introduced on 12/12/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/27/2017, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci

No: 0 Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Hearing Examiner Report Dated January 23, 2017

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT:

Department of Natural Resources and Parks file no. E16CT022

Proposed ordinance no. 2016-0561

Parcel no. 1222069095

HILARY LORENZ AND DARCEY PETERSON

Open Space Taxation Application (Public Benefit Rating System)

Location:

20937 266th Place SE, Maple Valley

Applicants:

Darcey Peterson Hilary Lorenz

20937 266th Place SE Maple Valley, WA 98038 Telephone: (425) 255-9600 Email: darceyp@kcwd90.com

King County: Department of Natural Resources and Parks

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Department's Recommendation:

Approve 4.94 acres for 30% of market value Approve 4.94 acres for 30% of market value

Examiner's Recommendation:

PRELIMINARY REPORT:

On December 28, 2016, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) submitted its report on file no. E16CT022 to the Examiner.

PUBLIC HEARING:

After reviewing the preliminary report and examining available information on file with the application, the Examiner conducted a public hearing on the application on January 10, 2017, in the Ginger Conference Room, 12th Floor, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington. The Examiner received the affidavit of notice publication on January 12, 2017.

Participants at the public hearing and the exhibits offered and entered are listed in the attached minutes. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the Hearing Examiner's Office.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

1. General Information:

Owners: Darcey Peterson Hilary Lorenz

20937 266th Place SE Maple Valley, WA 98038

Location: 20937 266th Place SE, Maple Valley

STR: NW 12-22-06

Zoning: RA-5

Parcel no.: 1222069095 Total acreage: 6.86 acres

- 2. The Applicants timely filed an application to King County for PBRS program current use valuation of the property to begin in 2018. As required by law, notification of the application occurred.
- 3. A summary of relevant PBRS categories follows below. (Plain text represents a category an applicant requested an award for and that DNRP agrees is warranted. Any strikethrough represents a category an applicant requested an award for but that DNRP disagrees is warranted. Any *italics* represents a category an applicant did not request an award for, but that DNRP nonetheless concludes is warranted. And any *asterisks* represent a category where DNRP finds an award is warranted, but only if certain contingencies or conditions are met.)

PBRS categories:	Open Space Resources		
_	Buffer to public or current use classified land	3	
	Forest stewardship land		
	Significant wildlife or salmonid habitat	5	
	Surface water quality buffer	5	
	Watershed protection area	5	

The DNRP-recommended score of 18 points results in a current use valuation of 30% of market value for the enrolled portion of the property. Additional credit may be awarded administratively under the forest stewardship land category subject to submittal of a forest stewardship plan by **June 1, 2017**, and subsequent approval by **August 1, 2017**. Award of credit under this category would increase the point total by 5 points, and the acreage by 0.25, resulting in a current use valuation of 20% of market value for the enrolled portion of the property.

- 4. As to the land area recommended for PBRS enrollment, the Applicant requested 5.52 acres and DNRP recommends 4.94 (5.19 conditionally) acres. (Enrollment acreage is the entire parcel less the excluded area, as calculated by DNRP. In the event the County Assessor's official parcel size is revised, the PBRS acreage shall be administratively adjusted to reflect that change.)
- 5. Except as modified herein, the facts set forth in DNRP's preliminary report and testimony at the January 10, 2017, public hearing are correct and incorporated herein by reference. Copies of this report and DNRP's report will be provided to the Metropolitan King County Council for final approval.
 - a. The final sentence on page 7, bleeding into page 8, should read: "Additionally, the point total would increase to 23 and the reduction in land assessed value for the portion and rolled would increase to 70% 80%."
- 6. Approval, pursuant to the Public Benefit Rating System adopted by Chapter 20.36 KCC, of 18 points and a current use valuation of 30% of market value for 4.94 acres of the property and conditional approval of 5 additional points and 0.25 additional acres (which would bring the total to 23 points and 20% of market value for 5.19 acres of the property), is consistent with the purposes and intent of King County to maintain, preserve, conserve, and otherwise continue in existence adequate open space lands and to assure the use and enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-being of King County and its citizens.
- 7. The subject property is currently enrolled in the Timber Land program. Any open space taxation participation agreement signed as a result of approval of this application should be worded to supersede any prior agreement for the parcel.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. APPROVE current use valuation of 30% of market value for the 4.94-acre enrolled portion of the property.
- 2. CONDITIONALLY APPROVE additional credit under the forest stewardship land category, to be awarded administratively, if the Applicants submit a forest stewardship plan by **June 1, 2017**, and that plan is approved by **August 1, 2017**. This would result in a current use valuation of 20% of market value for 5.19-acres of enrolled property.

DATED January 23, 2017.

David Spohr Hearing Examiner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

A person appeals an Examiner recommendation by following the steps described in KCC 20.22.230, including filing with the Clerk of the Council a sufficient appeal statement and a \$250 appeal fee (check payable to the King County FBOD). Appeal statements may refer only to facts contained in the hearing record; new facts may not be presented on appeal. KCC 20.22.230 also requires that the appellant provide copies of the appeal statement to the Examiner and to any named parties listed on the front page of the Examiner's recommendation.

Prior to the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on February 16, 2017, an electronic copy of the appeal statement must be sent to Clerk.Council@kingcounty.gov and a paper copy of the appeal statement must be delivered to the Clerk of the Council's Office, Room 1200, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104. Prior mailing is not sufficient if actual receipt by the Clerk does not occur within the applicable time period. If the Office of the Clerk is not officially open on the specified closing date, delivery prior to the close of business on the next business day is sufficient to meet the filing requirement.

Unless both a timely and sufficient appeal statement and filing fee are filed by *February 16*, 2017, the Clerk of the Council shall place on the agenda of the next available Council meeting a proposed ordinance implementing the Examiner's recommended action. At that meeting the Council may adopt the Examiner's recommendation, defer action, refer the matter to a Council committee, or remand to the Examiner for further hearing or further consideration.

If a timely and sufficient appeal statement and filing fee are filed by *February 16, 2017*, the Examiner will notify parties and interested persons and provide information about "next steps."

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2017, HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF HILARY LORENZ AND DARCEY PETERSON, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS FILE NO. E16CT022.

David Spohr was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Megan Kim participated in the hearing on behalf of the department.

The following exhibits were offered and entered into the hearing record:

Exhibit no. 1	Not submitted
Exhibit no. 2	Not submitted
Exhibit no. 3	Not submitted
Exhibit no. 4	DNRP report to the Hearing Examiner
Exhibit no. 5	Reserved for: Affidavit of publication
Exhibit no. 6	Notice of hearing from the Hearing Examiner's Office
Exhibit no. 7	Notice of hearing from the PBRS program
Exhibit no. 8	Legal notice and introductory ordinance to the King County Council
Exhibit no. 9	Application signed/notarized
Exhibit no. 10	Reserved for: Legal description of area to be enrolled
Exhibit no. 11	Email to applicant regarding received application and approval schedule
Exhibit no. 12	Arcview and orthophoto/aerial map
Exhibit no. 13	Reserved for: Forest stewardship plan
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