

Proposed No. 2017-0330.2

KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Sponsors McDermott and von Reichbauer

Signature Report

October 31, 2017

Ordinance 18600

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 Justin and Shelley
5	Jemison for property located at 37300 168th Avenue SE,
6	Auburn, WA, designated department of natural resources
7	and parks, water and land resources division file no.
8	E17CT009.
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 to this
12	ordinance, the report and recommendation of the hearing examiner dated September 21,
13	2017, to approve subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system
14	assessed valuation for open space submitted by Justin and Shelley Jemison for property
15	located at 37300 168th Avenue SE, Auburn, WA, designated department of natural
16	resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E17CT009, and the

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

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Ordinance 18600 was introduced on 8/21/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/30/2017, 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

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Hearing Examiner Report Dated September 21, 2017

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT:

Department of Natural Resources and Parks file no. E17CT009

Proposed ordinance no. 2017-0330

Parcel no. 362105906105

JUSTIN AND SHELLEY JEMISON

Open Space Taxation Application (Public Benefit Rating System)

Location:

37300 168th Avenue SE, Auburn

Applicants:

Justin and Shelley Jemison

37300 168th Avenue SE

Auburn, WA 98092

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King County: Department of Natural Resources and Parks

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Department's Recommendation: CONTINGENTLY Approve 3.11 acres for 50% of market value Examiner's Recommendation: CONTINGENTLY Approve 3.11 acres for 50% of market value

PRELIMINARY REPORT:

On September 5, 2017, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) submitted its report on file no. E17CT009 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 September 19, 2017, in the Fred Conference Room, 12th Floor, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

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:

Justin and Shelley Jemison 37300 168th Avenue SE Auburn, WA 98092

Location:

Owners:

37300 168th Avenue SE, Auburn

STR:

NW 36-21-05

Zoning:

RA-5

Parcel no.:

362105906105

Total acreage:

4.11 acres

- 2. The Applicants timely filed an application to King County for PBRS program current use valuation of the property to begin in 2019. 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 *asterisk* represents a category where DNRP finds an award is warranted, but only if certain contingencies or conditions are met.)

PBRS categories:

Open Space Resources

Farm and agricultural conservation land

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The DNRP-recommended score of 5 points results in a current use valuation of 50% of market value for the enrolled portion of the property. Award under the farm and agricultural conservation land category is contingent upon submittal of a King Conservation District-approved farm management plan for the property by October 31, 2018. Because the property is not eligible under any other PBRS resource category, failure to qualify as farm and agricultural conservation land will preclude the property from enrollment in the PBRS program.

- 4. As to the land area recommended for PBRS enrollment, the Applicant requested 3.11 acres and DNRP recommends 3.11 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.)
- Except as modified herein, the facts set forth in DNRP's preliminary report and testimony at the September 19, 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.
- 6. Award under all categories must be conditioned upon the control and removal of invasive plant species on the property within a three-year period. Such control and removal is mandatory for the property to qualify as credited open space. Failure to meet this condition will cause disenrollment of the property from the PBRS program.
- 7. Approval, pursuant to the Public Benefit Rating System adopted by Chapter 20.36 KCC, of 5 points and a current use valuation of 50% of market value for 3.11 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.
- 8. 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 50% of market value for the 3.11-acre enrolled portion of the property, CONTINGENT on submission of a King Conservation District-approved farm management plan by **October 31, 2018**.

E17CT009-Justin and Shelley Jemison

DATED September 21, 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 October 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 *October 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 *October 16, 2017*, the Examiner will notify all parties and interested persons and provide information about "next steps."

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2017, HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF JUSTIN AND SHELLEY JEMISON, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS FILE NO. E17CT009

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

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

Not submitted
Not submitted
Not submitted
DNRP report to the Hearing Examiner
Affidavit of publication
Notice of hearing from the Hearing Examiner's Office
Notice of hearing from the PBRS program
Legal notice and introductory ordinance to the King County Council
Application signed/notarized
Reserved for future submission of legal description of area to be enrolled
Email to applicant regarding received application and approval schedule
Arcview and orthophoto/aerial map
Reserved for future submission of farm management plan

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