



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Ordinance 18958

**Proposed No.** 2019-0112.2

**Sponsors** Dembowski

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 Erin and Dan  
5 Ericson for property located at 34409 NE 82nd Place,  
6 Carnation, WA, designated department of natural resources  
7 and parks, water and land resources division file no.  
8 E18CT046.

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 April 23, 2019,  
13 to approve subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed  
14 valuation for open space submitted by Erin and Dan Ericson for property located at  
15 34409 NE 82nd Place, Carnation, WA, designated department of natural resources and

16 parks, water and land resources division file no. E18CT046, and the council does hereby  
17 adopt as its action the recommendation or recommendations contained in the report.  
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Ordinance 18958 was introduced on 3/13/2019 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/10/2019, 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



KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. Hearing Examiner Report dated 4-23-2019

April 23, 2019

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources and Parks file no. **E18CT046**  
Proposed ordinance no. **2019-0112**  
Parcel no. **0225079038**

**ERIN AND DAN ERICSON**

Open Space Taxation Application (Public Benefit Rating System)

Location: 34409 NE 82nd Place, Carnation

Applicants: **Erin and Dan Ericson**  
PO Box 457  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065  
Telephone: (206) 412-9548  
Email: [danerinericson@gmail.com](mailto:danerinericson@gmail.com)

King County: Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
*represented by* **Bill Bernstein**  
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Seattle, WA 98104  
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Email: [bill.bernstein@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.bernstein@kingcounty.gov)

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Department's Recommendation: Approve 15.00 acres for 30% of assessed value  
Examiner's Recommendation: Approve 15.00 acres for 30% of assessed value

PRELIMINARY REPORT:

On March 28, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) submitted its report on file no. E18CT046 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 April 9, 2019, 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:

Owners: Erin and Dan Ericson  
PO Box 457  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Location: 34409 NE 82nd Place, Carnation  
STR: SW 02-25-07  
Zoning: RA-5  
Parcel no.: 0225079038  
Total acreage: 20.00 acres

- 2. The Applicants timely filed an application to King County for the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRS) program current use valuation of the property to begin in 2020. 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:	<u>Open Space Resources</u>	
	<i>Buffer to public or current use classified land</i>	3
	<i>*Forest stewardship land*</i>	
	<i>Rural open space</i>	5
	<i>Significant wildlife or salmonid habitat</i>	5
	<i>Watershed protection area</i>	5
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The DNRP-recommended score of 18 points results in a current use valuation of 30% of assessed 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 **December 1, 2019**, and subsequent approval by **December 31, 2019**. Award of credit under this category will increase the point total by 5 points, resulting in a current use valuation of 20% of assessed value for the enrolled portion of the property. Award of this category may allow approved forestry activities to occur on the property.

4. As to the land area recommended for PBRS enrollment, the Applicant requested none specified acres and DNRP recommends 15.00 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 April 9, 2019, 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. Approval of 18 points (and a current use valuation of 30% of assessed value for 15.00 acres) and conditional approval of 5 additional points (and 20% of assessed value for 15.00 acres) are consistent with KCC Chapter 20.36 and 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. APPROVE current use valuation of 30% of assessed value for the 15.00-acre enrolled portion of the property.
2. CONDITIONALLY APPROVE additional credit for the forest stewardship land category, subject to submittal of a forest stewardship plan by **December 1, 2019**, and subsequent approval by **December 31, 2019**. Award of credit under this category will increase the point total by 5 points, resulting in a current use valuation of 20% of

assessed value for the enrolled portion of the property. Award of this category may allow approved forestry activities to occur on the property.

DATED April 23, 2019.



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 *May 17, 2019*, an electronic copy of the appeal statement must be sent to [Clerk.Council@kingcounty.gov](mailto: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 *May 17, 2019*, 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 *May 17, 2019*, the Examiner will notify all parties and interested persons and provide information about “next steps.”

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2019, HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF ERIN AND DAN ERICSON, FILE NO. E18CT046**

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:

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| Exhibit no. 1 | DNRP report to the Hearing Examiner   |
| Exhibit no. 2 | <i>Reserved for future submission of the affidavit of hearing publication</i> |
| Exhibit no. 3 | Legal notice and introductory ordinance to the King County Council            |
| Exhibit no. 4 | Arcview/orthophotograph and aerial map  |
| Exhibit no. 5 | Application signed and notarized  |

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