



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 17, 2007

Ordinance 15718

Proposed No. 2007-0040.2

Sponsors Gossett

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 Sapphire Blue for
5 property located at 13335 Southwest Reddings Beach
6 Road, Vashon, WA 98070, designated department of
7 natural resources and parks, water and land resources
8 division file no. E06CT001.

9
10

11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

12 SECTION 1. This ordinance does hereby adopt and incorporate herein as its
13 findings and conclusions the findings and conclusions contained in the report and
14 recommendation of the hearing examiner dated March 27, 2007, to approve subject to
15 conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open
16 space submitted by Sapphire Blue for property located at 13335 Southwest Reddings
17 Beach Road, Vashon, WA 98070, designated department of natural resources and parks,

Ordinance 15718

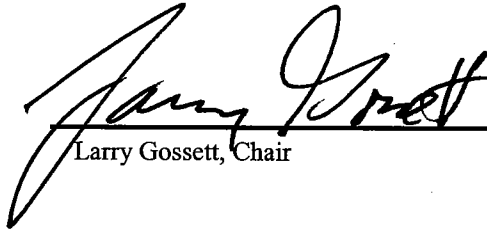
18 water and land resources division file no. E06CT001, and the council does hereby adopt
19 as its action the recommendation or recommendations contained in the report.

20

Ordinance 15718 was introduced on 1/22/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 4/16/2007, by the following vote:

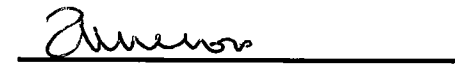
Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr.
Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. Hearing Examiner Report dated March 27, 2007

**OFFICE OF THE HEARING EXAMINER
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

400 Yesler Avenue, Room 404
Seattle, Washington 98104
Telephone (206) 296-4660
Facsimile (206) 296-1654
Email: hearex@metrokc.gov

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources & Parks (DNRP), Water and Land Resources Division,
file no. **E06CT001**
Proposed Ordinance No. **2007-0040**

Open Space Taxation (Public Benefit Rating System)
Application of
SAPHIRE BLUE
13335 Southwest Reddings Beach Road
Vashon, Washington 98070

Location of Property: 13335 Southwest Reddings Beach Road
Vashon, Washington

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Department's Preliminary:	Approve 5.00 acres for 20% of market value
Department's Final:	Approve 5.00 acres for 20% of market value
Examiner:	Approve 5.00 acres for 20% of market value

PRELIMINARY REPORT:

The Department of Natural Resources & Parks, Water and Land Resources Division Report on item no. E06CT001 was received by the Examiner on February 28, 2007.

PUBLIC HEARING:

After reviewing the report and examining available information on file with the application, the Examiner conducted a public hearing on the application as follows:

The hearing on item no. E06CT001 was opened by the Examiner at 1:31 p.m., on February 28, 2007, in the Hearing Examiner's Conference Room, 400 Yesler Way, Room 404, Seattle, Washington, was administratively continued at 1:43 p.m. for submittal by DNRP staff of proposed language regarding enrollment adjustments due to changes in the County Assessor's acreage calculations, and closed on March 8, 2007.

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 office of the King County Hearing Examiner.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATION: Having reviewed the record in this matter, the Examiner now makes and enters the following:

FINDINGS:

1. General Information:

Owner: Sapphire Blue
13335 SW Reddings Beach Road
Vashon, WA 98070

Property location: Same as above

PBRS categories proposed and recommended: **Open space resources**
Aquifer protection area
Buffer to public land
Forest stewardship land
Significant wildlife or salmonid habitat
Watershed protection area

COMMENT: This property is currently participating in PBRS – the purpose of this application is to award additional resource categories. Presently, the property is enrolled in PBRS at a 60% reduction. PBRS staff initiated this application through proposal to the landowners (Exhibit #9). Resources were proposed by staff and not requested by the applicants.

Zoning: RA-5
Parcel no.: 142202-9038
Total acreage: 6.60
Excluded area/home site: 1.60
Recommended PBRS: 5.00

(The land area recommended for PBRS enrollment is the entire parcel less the excluded area, which is what has been 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.)

2. Except as modified herein, the facts set forth in the King County Department of Natural Resources & Parks, Water and Land Resources Division, Preliminary Report for the February 28, 2007, public hearing are found correct and are incorporated herein by reference. Copies of the department report will be provided with the copies of this report submitted to the King County Council.
3. Timely application was made to King County for current use valuation of the subject property to begin in 2008. Notice of the application was given as required by law.

4. The property, which is already enrolled in the open space taxation program, is found to contain additional priority open space resources and is now eligible for a total award of 23 points pursuant to the King County Public Benefit Rating System. The resulting current use value therefore would be 20% of market value for 5.00 acres of the property.

CONCLUSION:

1. Approval of current use valuation of 20% of market value for 5.00 acres of the property pursuant to the Public Benefit Rating System adopted by King County Ordinance No. 10511, as amended, would be 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.
2. As the property is currently enrolled in the program, any agreement executed pursuant to approval of the application should be worded to supersede any previous PBRS participation agreement for the property.

RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE current use valuation of 20% of market value for 5.00 acres of the subject property, subject to the conditions recommended in the Department of Natural Resources & Parks report for the February 28, 2007, public hearing, and the following additional condition of approval:

1. Any agreement executed pursuant to approval of the application shall contain a provision that the agreement supersedes any previous PBRS participation agreement for the subject property.

Current use valuation shall be subject to all terms and conditions of RCW Chapter 84.34 and KCC Chapter 20.36, as may be amended from time to time, and all regulations and rules duly adopted to implement state law and county ordinances pertaining to current use valuation.

RECOMMENDED March 27, 2007.

Peter T. Donahue
King County Hearing Examiner

TRANSMITTED March 27, 2007, to the following parties and interested persons:

Sapphire Blue
13335 SW Reddings Beach Rd.
Vashon, WA 98070

Susan Monroe, Department of Assessments
Ted Sullivan, Dept. of Natural Resources & Parks
Charlie Sundberg, Office of Cultural Resources
Marilyn Cope, KCC – Committee Staff
Bill Bernstein, Dept. of Natural Resources & Parks
Sally King, Dept. of Natural Resources & Parks

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL
AND ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUIRED**

In order to appeal the recommendation of the Examiner, written notice of appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the King County Council with a fee of \$250.00 (check payable to King County Office of Finance) **on or before April 10, 2007**. If a notice of appeal is filed, the original and 6 copies of a written appeal statement specifying the basis for the appeal and argument in support of the appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the King County Council **on or before April 27, 2007**. Appeal statements may refer only to facts contained in the hearing record; new facts may not be presented on appeal. Filing requires actual delivery to the Office of the Clerk of the Council, Room 1025, King County Courthouse, 516 3rd Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104, prior to the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on the date due. Prior mailing is not sufficient if actual receipt by the Clerk does not occur within the applicable time period. The Examiner does not have authority to extend the time period unless the Office of the Clerk is not open on the specified closing date, in which event delivery prior to the close of business on the next business day is sufficient to meet the filing requirement.

If a written notice of appeal and filing fee are not filed within 14 days calendar days of the date of this report, or if a written appeal statement and argument are not filed within 21 calendar days of the date of this report, the Clerk of the Council shall place a proposed ordinance which implements the Examiner's recommended action on the agenda of the next available Council meeting. At that meeting, the Council may adopt the Examiner's recommendation, may defer action, may refer the matter to a Council committee, or may remand to the Examiner for further hearing or further consideration.

Action of the Council is final. The action of the Council on a recommendation of the Examiner shall be final and conclusive unless within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the action an aggrieved party or person applies for a writ of certiorari from the Superior Court in and for the County of King, State of Washington, for the purpose of review of the action taken.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS FILE NO. E06CT001:

Peter T. Donahue was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Participating in the hearing and representing the Department was Ted Sullivan. No others participated in this hearing.

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 Preliminary Report to the Hearing Examiner
- Exhibit No. 5 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 County Council
- Exhibit No. 9 Proposal and signed/notarized affirmation

- Exhibit No. 10 Assessor's map
- Exhibit No. 11 King County Assessor's database printout
- Exhibit No. 12 Arcview and orthophoto/aerial map
- Exhibit No. 13 Letter to neighbors re: notification of PBRS application
- Exhibit No. 14 Forest Stewardship Plan
- Exhibit No. 15 *Reserved for future submission of* legal description of area to be enrolled

PTD:ms
E06CT001 RPT

Attachment

- g) Removal of land classified as farm and agricultural land under RCW 84.34.020(2)(e).
 - h) Removal of land from classification after enactment of a statutory exemption that qualifies the land for exemption and receipt of notice from the owner to remove the land from classification.
 - i) The creation, sale, or transfer of forestry riparian easements under RCW 76.13.120.
 - j) The creation, sale, or transfer of a fee interest or a conservation easement for the riparian open space program under RCW 76.09.040.
 - k) The sale or transfer of land within two years after the death of the owner of at least a fifty percent interest in the land if the land has been assessed and valued as forest land under chapter 84.33 RCW, or under chapter 84.34 RCW continuously since 1993. The date of death shown on the death certificate is the date used.
8. The county assessor may require an owner to submit data relevant to continuing the eligibility of any parcel of land described in this agreement.
 9. The owner may apply for reclassification as provided in Chapter 84.34 RCW.
 10. This agreement shall supersede any previous open space taxation agreement entered into for the subject property.

This agreement shall be subject to the following conditions:

See attached Hearing Examiner Report and Recommendation

It is declared that this agreement specifies the classification and conditions as provided for in Chapter 84.34 RCW and the conditions imposed by this Granting Authority. This agreement to tax according to the use of the property is not a contract and can be annulled or canceled at any time by the Legislature (RCW 84.34.070).

Granting Authority:

Dated _____

_____ King County, Washington

Council Chair

As owner(s) of the herein-described land I/we indicated by my/our signature(s) that I am/we are aware of the potential tax liability and hereby accept the classification and conditions of this agreement (must be signed by all owners).

Print Name

Signature

Date signed agreement received by Legislative Authority _____