



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

February 21, 2012

Ordinance 17266

Proposed No. 2011-0472.2

Sponsors Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the
2 hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the
3 application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation
4 for open space submitted by Robert and Karen Spencer for
5 property located at 21407 NE Union Hill Road, Redmond, WA
6 98053, designated department of natural resources and parks,
7 water and land resources division file no. E11CT022.

8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

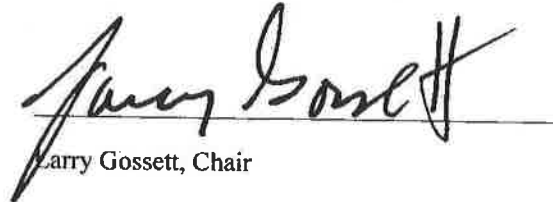
9 SECTION 1. This ordinance does hereby adopt and incorporate herein as its findings and
10 conclusions the findings and conclusions contained in the report and recommendation of the
11 hearing examiner dated January 3, 2012, to approve subject to conditions, the application for
12 public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Robert and Karen
13 Spencer for property located at 21407 NE Union Hill Road, Redmond, WA 98053, designated
14 department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E11CT022,

15 and the council does hereby adopt as its action the recommendation or recommendations
16 contained in the report.
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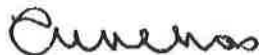
Ordinance 17266 was introduced on 11/14/2011 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/21/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr.
McDermott
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Hearing Examiner Report dated January 3, 2012

January 3, 2012

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources and Parks File No. E11CT022
Proposed Ordinance No. 2011-0472
Parcel No(s). 0925069007

ROBERT AND KAREN SPENCER
Open Space Taxation Application (Public Benefit Rating System (PBRs))

Location: 21407 NE Union Hill Road, Redmond area

Applicants: **Robert and Karen Spencer**
21407 NE Union Hill Road
Redmond, WA 98053
Telephone: (425) 487-4019
Email: innkeeper@meritagemeadows.com

King County: Natural Resources and Parks
represented by Bill Bernstein
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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Department's Preliminary Recommendation:	Approve 10.08 acres for 10% of market value
Department's Final Recommendation:	Approve 10.08 acres for 10% of market value
Examiner's Recommendation:	Approve 10.08 acres for 10% of market value

PRELIMINARY REPORT:

The DNRP Report on file no. E11CT022 was received by the Examiner on November 23, 2011.

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 December 7, 2011, in the West 1201

Conference Room, 12th Floor, KC Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington. The affidavit of notice publication was received December 7, 2011.

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

FINDINGS:

1. **General Information:**

Owner(s): Robert and Karen Spencer
21407 NE Union Hill Road
Redmond, WA 98053

Location: 21407 NE Union Hill Road

PBRS categories requested: **Open Space Resources**
Aquifer protection area
Buffer to public and current use classified land
Forest stewardship land
Rural open space
Significant wildlife or salmonid habitat
Surface water quality buffer
Watershed protection area

Bonus Category
Additional surface water quality buffer

Categories recommended: **Open Space Resources**
Aquifer protection area
Forest stewardship land
Rural open space
Significant wildlife or salmonid habitat
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Watershed protection area

Bonus Category
Additional surface water quality buffer

STR: NW-9-25-06
Zoning: RA-5
Parcel no(s): 0925069007
Recommended PBRS: 10.08 acres

(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. Timely application was made to King County for PBRS program current use valuation of the property to begin in 2013. Notice of the application was given as required by law.

3. Except as modified herein, the facts set forth in the DNRP Preliminary Report and testimony at the December 7, 2011, public hearing are found to be correct and are incorporated herein by reference. Copies of the department report will be provided with the copies of this report submitted to the Metropolitan King County Council.
4. 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.
5. The property contains priority open space resources and is eligible for a total award of 35 points under the King County Public Benefit Rating System. The resulting current use valuation therefore would be 10% of market value for 10.08 acres.


CONCLUSION:

1. Approval of current use valuation of 10% of market value for 10.08 acres of the property pursuant to the Public Benefit Rating System adopted by Chapter 20.36 KCC 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE current use valuation of 10% of market value for 10.08 acres of the property, subject to conditions recommended in the DNRP report.

DATED January 3, 2012.



Peter T. Donahue
King County Hearing Examiner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

In order to appeal the decision of the Hearing Examiner, written notice of appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the King County Council with a fee of \$250 (check payable to King County Office of Finance) on or before *January 17, 2012*. If a notice of appeal is filed, the original and two 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 *January 24, 2012*.

Filing requires actual delivery to the Clerk of the Council's Office, Room 1200, King County Courthouse, 516 Third 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. 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.

If a written notice of appeal and filing fee are not filed within 14 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 that 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, defer action, refer the matter to a Council committee, or remand to the Examiner for further hearing or further consideration.

Action of the Council Final. The action of the Council on a recommendation of the Examiner shall be final and conclusive unless within 21 days from the date of the action an aggrieved party or person applies for a writ of certiorari from Superior Court for the purpose of review of the action taken.

INUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2011, PUBLIC HEARING ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS FILE NO. E11CT022.

Mr. Peter T. Donahue was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Participating in the hearing were Bill Bernstein and Ted Sullivan, both on behalf of the department.

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

Exhibit no. 1	<i>Not submitted</i>
Exhibit no. 2	<i>Not submitted</i>
Exhibit no. 3	<i>Not submitted</i>
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/Timber program
Exhibit no. 8	Legal notice and introductory ordinance to County Council
Exhibit no. 9	Application signed/notarized
Exhibit no. 10	Legal description of area to be enrolled
Exhibit no. 11	Letter to applicant re: received application and approval schedule
Exhibit no. 12	Arcview and orthophoto/aerial map
Exhibit no. 13	Forest stewardship plan

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