

ORDINANCE NO. 23 - 2010
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.36 OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY CODE
TO PROVIDE FOR RENEWAL OF A CONSERVATION DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

BACKGROUND

- A. RCW 89.08 authorizes the establishment of conservation districts within the state of Washington; and
- B. The San Juan County Conservation District was established by an action of the Washington Conservation Commission, approved by the Washington Secretary of State on April 3, 1964, consolidating previously existing conservation districts on San Juan, Lopez, and Orcas Islands, with new district boundaries coterminous with those of San Juan County and inclusive of the Town of Friday Harbor; and
- C. The Conservation District has neither adequate nor reliable sources of revenue to support ongoing conservation programs and projects benefiting San Juan County, and there are insufficient funds in the general county budget to fund the Conservation District's resource conservation programs; and
- D. RCW 89.08.400 gives the County legislative authority the power to levy a special assessment in order to fund the conservation programs and projects of the San Juan County Conservation District; and
- E. The San Juan County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on June 8, 2010 in order to gather information and comment regarding its long term resource conservation program and to consider a request to the San Juan County Council to renew the special assessment; and
- F. The San Juan County Conservation District Board of Supervisors has classified land within the County into four categories for purposes of conservation district assessments; and
- G. The San Juan County Conservation District Board of Supervisors has proposed an assessment to be used for the projection, enhancement, and restoration of the natural resources of San Juan County; and
- H. On July 27, 2010 the San Juan County Conservation District filed with the San Juan County Council the proposed system of assessments and a proposed 2011 budget; and
- I. The County Council, after advertising and providing public notice as required in RCW 89.08.400, held a public hearing on August 31, 2010 to hear public comment regarding this Ordinance and a proposed special assessment; and
- J. The County Council finds that the public interest will be served by the renewal of the special assessments proposed by the Conservation District; and
- K. The County Council further finds that the special assessments to be imposed will not exceed the special benefit that the land received or will receive from the activities of the conservation district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of San Juan County, state of Washington, that Chapter 3.36.060 of the San Juan County Code is amended to read as follows:

Amended Section. 3.36.060 Effective Date. Collection of the fee assessment shall begin in the tax collection year 2006 shall be renewed in 2011 and continue through tax collection year ~~2010~~ 2020.

This Ordinance is effective on the 10th working day after adoption.

ADOPTED this 31st day of August 2010.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

ATTEST: Clerk of the Council

By: Ingrid Gabriel
Ingrid Gabriel – Clerk
Date: SEPT 1, 2010

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