

Agenda Summary Report (ASR)

Franklin County Board of Commissioners

DATE SUBMITTED:	PREPARED BY: Pam Loa
Meeting Date Requested 10-18-2022	PRESENTED BY: Pam Loa
ITEM: (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda Brought Before the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Time needed: 5 minutes	
TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 2022-261B AND ADOPT AN ASSESSMENT INCREASE FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HORTICULTURAL PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL BOARD	
FISCAL IMPACT: Budget increase of \$155,530	
BACKGROUND: Due to a mathematical computation error, we are requesting resolution 2022-216B be rescinded and the proposed resolution be adopted for an assessment increase for the Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board	
RECOMMENDATION: Rescind Resolution 2022-216B and adopt the proposed assessment increase for the Horticultural Pest & Disease Control Board	
COORDINATION: Pam Loa, Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board Tim Anderson, Franklin County Auditor's Office John Rosenau and Fennie Ho, County Assessor's Office Jennifer Johnson, Prosecuting Attorney's Office	
ATTACHMENTS: Franklin County Resolution	
HANDLING / ROUTING: (Once document is fully executed it will be imported into Document Manager. Please list <u>name(s)</u> of parties that will need a pdf) Horticultural Pest & Disease Control Board Assessor	

I certify the above information is accurate and complete.

Pam Loa, Coordinator Name, Title

FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION _____

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

***IN THE MATTER TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 2022-261B AND ADOPT A PARCEL
ASSESSMENT INCREASE FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HORTICULTURAL PEST
AND DISEASE CONTROL BOARD***

WHEREAS, Franklin County is an agricultural county and therefore pursuant to RCW 15.09, the Franklin County Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board was established in 1971 under County Ordinance 5-71; and

WHEREAS, an assessment was determined per Resolution 2000-518 on December 20, 2000 in the amount of \$1.50 per parcel and \$4.00 per tree fruit acre as authorized by RCW 15.09.135; and

WHEREAS, per RCW 15.09.010, the board's mission is to eradicate or assist in the control of pest and disease-infested vegetation that threaten commercial tree fruit growers and work with the public to keep backyard fruit trees and hobby orchards free from pest and disease infestations as further defined in RCW 15.08.180; and

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years the horticultural board has attempted to provide the same level of service with the existing service assessment despite rising costs, the increase of regional horticultural pests to address and policy changes; and

WHEREAS, the fund balance has declined roughly by 19% the last five years and though staff and service adjustments have been made, the board's ability to continue a thorough level of service is now at risk at the current assessment amount; and

WHEREAS, an assessment increase is necessary to continue the mission of providing an effective service to the residents and commercial growers of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was advertised September 29th and October 6th and was held October 11th at the Franklin County Commissioner's Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commissioners approved resolution 2022-261-B during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was found to have mathematical computation errors and therefore be rescinded and replaced with the presented resolution; and

WHEREAS, the service assessment per parcel will increase to \$6.30 from \$1.50 per parcel per year; and

WHEREAS, the tree fruit service assessment of \$4.00 per acre would increase to \$4.50 per acre per year; and

WHEREAS, per RCW 15.09.135, the Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board shall provide to the Assessor from the "Assessor's Office Land Classes", those classes which may have a zero assessment, by November 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners constitutes the legislative authority of Franklin County and deems this to be in the best interest of Franklin County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the board hereby adopts the service assessment of \$6.30 per parcel and \$4.50 per tree fruit acre commencing with the 2023-budget year.

APPROVED this 18th day of October 2022.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Chair

Chair Pro Tem

Member

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board