

Agenda Summary Report (ASR)

Franklin County Board of Commissioners

DATE SUBMITTED:	PREPARED BY: Pam Loa
Meeting Date Requested 11-08-2022	PRESENTED BY: Pam Loa
ITEM: (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda Brought Before the Board (hearing) X *Time needed: 30 minutes	
TO ADOPT AN ASSESSMENT INCREASE FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HORTICULTURAL PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL BOARD	
FISCAL IMPACT: Budget increase of \$171,981	
BACKGROUND: A motion was made at the October 18 Commissioner's meeting to rescind Resolution 2022-216B due to a mathematical computation error and adopt the attached resolution for an assessment increase for the Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board	
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Horticultural Pest & Disease Control Board assessment increase of \$6.30 per parcel and \$4.50 per tree fruit acre	
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

TO ADOPT AN 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 (cherry, apple and soft fruit) excluding range, dry and gov't lands 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, at the Commissioner's meeting of October 18, a motion was made to rescind the Assessment Increase Resolution 2022-261-B and schedule another public hearing for the assessment increase; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was advertised November 8th and October 6th and was held November 8th at the Franklin County Commissioner's Meeting; and

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

WHEREAS, the tree fruit (apple, cherry, soft fruit) service assessment of \$4.00 per acre will increase to \$4.50; 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 of commissioners hereby adopts the service assessment increase of \$6.30 per parcel and \$4.50 per tree fruit acre commencing with the 2023 budget year.

APPROVED this 8th day of November 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chair

Chair Pro Tem

Member

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board