



Planning and Community Development

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-2061

Ordinance: 25-040

Type:

☐ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☒ Other

Requested Handling:

☒ Normal

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Subject:

French Slough Flood Control District assessment

Scope:

Chapter 85.38.160(4) RCW requires periodic review and finalization of the system of assessment for Special Districts every four years.

Duration:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

☐ Current Year

☐ Multi-Year

☒ N/A

Authority Granted:

Ordinance 25-040 authorizes the County Executive to approve the system of assessment for the French Slough Flood Control District based on the County Engineers Report and complies with chapter 85.38 RCW.

Background:

The French Slough Flood Control District system of assessment was established pursuant to the methods prescribed in RCW 85.38.

Chapter 85.38.160(4) RCW requires the system or systems of assessment of each special district to be reviewed by the County Engineer and finalized by the county legislative authority at least once every four years.

The County Engineer has prepared an Engineer's Report and finds that the District's proposed assessment methodology to be in accordance with Chapter 85.38 RCW.

There was an overlap in existing zone descriptions in the previous system. One of the zones was converted to a non-benefit zone. The existing system referenced the development code for what was considered non-residential creating some confusion on how to apply assessments. The basis for determining what is non-residential was changed to how the Assessor classifies the property. The system has three zones. The first zone receives both an acreage assessment and an improvement assessment. The second zone that is outside the floodplain receives only an improvement assessment. The third zone outside the levee is designated a non-benefit zone and receives no assessment. Although minor changes have been made, there is almost no functional difference in how assessments are applied.

Request: Move Ordinance 25-040 to GLS on July 23rd to set a time and date for a public hearing.