



# Finance, Budget and Administration

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2024-2648

**Motion:** 24-445

**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:** Rate change between the County Treasurer and the Conservation District for collection of rates and charges.

**Scope:** To update the cost recovery rates for tax collection on behalf of the district.

**Duration:** New cost recovery rate for *tax collection* would start May 1, 2025. The County Treasurer updates the cost study every 2 years, so the rate is current, and remains in effect for 2 years. The total number of parcels is updated each year.

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  N/A

The current amount collected does not fully cover the direct costs incurred. The request is a \$0.07 increase per parcel.

Current	May 1, 2025
\$1.03 per parcel	\$1.10 per parcel
\$266,822 direct costs	\$281,949.55 direct costs

**Authority Granted:** Approve the rates and charges proposed by the Treasurer’s Office to cover the costs of collecting the charges and rates for the Conservation District, under RCW 89.08.400.

**Background:** RCW 89.08.400 states that the County Treasurer shall deduct an amount from the collected special assessments, as established by the county legislative authority, to cover the costs incurred by the County Assessor and County Treasurer in spreading and collecting the special assessments, but not to exceed the actual costs of such work.

**Requested Action:** For Council to move the motion to GLS on December 4, for consideration.