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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, appointing the members of the City to a Joint City-County Open Space Taxation Determination Board

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Council has provided for a public rating system as authorized by RCW 84.34; and,

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Code, Chapter 2.114 incorporates a public benefit rating system by setting out Current Use Administrative Procedures for applications filed for tax reductions under the productive farm and agricultural land, timber land, or open space land current use assessment program; and,

WHEREAS, the current use assessment program values land at its present state rather than on fair market value which is based upon traditional assessment practices of "highest and best use"; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed public benefit rating system is authorized pursuant to RCW 84.34 and is designed to equate a public benefit, derived by leaving properties in an undeveloped (open space) state, to a graduated tax reduction scale; and,

WHEREAS, the public benefit rating system, establishes a priority ranking system for various open space features (high, medium, low), provides bonus categories for other desirable components associated with open space (within urban areas, public access, etc.), assigns a point value for each category, and correlates point values against a tax reduction table; and,

WHEREAS, THE City Council finds that the proposed action is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. The Pierce County Code, Chapter 2.114 provides for Current Use Assessment Administrative Procedures, which establishes administrative procedures for applications filed under the current use assessment program including a public benefit rating system for ranking applications for open space land current use assessment, is hereby adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Lakewood Mayor Bill Harrison and City Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis and Doug Richardson, are hereby appointed to represent the City of Lakewood on the Joint City-County Open Space Taxation Determination Board in the administration of the Public Benefit Rating System within the City of Lakewood and Pierce County.

Section 3. The Lakewood City Manager is directed to take necessary actions to implement the program consistent with RCW

84.34.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 2nd day of April, 2001.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form;

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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