

1 Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
2 Requested by: County Executive/Parks and Recreation Services

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6 ORDINANCE NO. 2009-45  
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8 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapters 19D.170,**  
9 **"Pierce County Open Space Priorities," 2.97, "Conservation**  
10 **Futures Fund Allocation and Selection Criteria," and 2.114,**  
11 **"Current Use Assessment Administrative Procedures," and**  
12 **Title 18A, "Pierce County Development Regulations -**  
13 **Zoning," of the Pierce County Code to Provide Consistent**  
14 **Priorities for Open Space Acquisition, Dedication and Tax**  
15 **Relief Actions in Pierce County and to Delete Sections which**  
16 **are Out of Date and No Longer Functional; and Adopting**  
17 **Findings of Fact.**

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19 **Whereas**, Chapter 19D.170 of the Pierce County Code (PCC), provides a  
20 consistent and unified framework for open space acquisition, dedication and tax relief  
21 opportunities; and

22 **Whereas**, County programs that provide for the preservation of open space  
23 include the Conservation Futures program codified in Chapter 2.97 PCC, Open Space  
24 Current Use Assessment codified in Chapter 2.114 PCC and Title 18A.35.050  
25 Development Regulations – Zoning; and

26 **Whereas**, the Conservation Futures Program, Open Space Current Use  
27 Assessment, and other County programs which acquire or preserve open space areas  
28 are required to use the priorities included in Chapter 19D.170 PCC for rating open  
29 space proposals; and

30 **Whereas**, the open space priorities adopted in Pierce County Code utilize a high  
31 priority, medium priority and low priority ranking system; and

32 **Whereas**, the open space priorities currently categorized in the Conservation  
33 Futures program are not consistent with the open space rating priorities established in  
34 Chapter 19D.170 PCC; and

35 **Whereas**, Section 2.96.080 PCC requires the Conservation Futures Technical  
36 Advisory Committee and Conservation Futures Citizens Advisory Board to review and  
37 provide recommendations to the Council for possible amendments to the Conservation  
38 Futures Selection Criteria every five years; and

39 **Whereas**, certain Sections of Chapters 2.97 and 2.114 PCC are outdated and no  
40 longer useful; and



1           **Whereas**, the Conservation Futures Technical Advisory Committee and  
2 Conservation Futures Advisory Board completed their review of the Conservation  
3 Futures Selection Criteria and provided a recommendation dated June 24, 2008, which  
4 recommended several modifications to the open space priorities included in Chapter  
5 2.97 PCC; and

6           **Whereas**, the open space priorities currently outlined in the Current Use  
7 Assessment description of resource categories and Public Benefit Rating System are  
8 not consistent with the open space rating priorities established in Chapter 19D.170  
9 PCC; and

10           **Whereas**, amendments to Chapters 19D.170, 2.97, 2.114, and Title 18A,  
11 "Development Regulations – Zoning" of the PCC are necessary to provide  
12 consistency between the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan and County programs that  
13 implement the Plan; **Now Therefore**,

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15           **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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17           Section 1. Chapter 19D.170 of the Pierce County Code, "Pierce County Open  
18 Space Priorities," is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto  
19 and incorporated herein by reference.

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21           Section 2. Chapter 2.97 of the Pierce County Code, "Conservation Futures Fund  
22 Allocation and Selection Criteria," is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit B, which is  
23 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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25           Section 3. Chapter 2.114 of the Pierce County Code, "Current Use  
26 Assessment Administrative Procedures," is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit C,  
27 which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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29           Section 4. Section 18A.35.050 of the Pierce County Code, "Open Space Lands,"  
30 is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit D, which is attached hereto and incorporated  
31 herein by reference.  
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1            Section 5. Findings of Fact are hereby adopted as shown in Exhibit E, which is  
2 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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4            **PASSED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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6 ATTEST:

**PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Pierce County, Washington

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11 **Denise D. Johnson**  
12 Clerk of the Council

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**Roger Bush**  
Council Chair

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16 **Pat McCarthy**  
17 Pierce County Executive  
18 Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed \_\_\_\_\_, this  
19 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
20 2009.

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22 Date of Publication of  
23 Notice of Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

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25 Effective Date of Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_  
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