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OPEN SPACE TAXATION AGREEMENT
CH. 84.34 RCW

(To be used for "Open Space", "Timber Land" Classification or "Reclassification" Only)

Grantor(s) SKAGIT COUNTY
Grantee(s) MARILYN KOOLMAN and JOOST BUSINGER
Legal Description P32750 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 & PTN VAC RD AD
Section 6 Township 35 NORTH RANGE 2E W.M.
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Assessor's Property Tax Parcel or Account Number 350206-2-001-0006

Reference Numbers of Documents Assigned or Released _____

This agreement between MARILYN KOOLMAN and JOOST BUSINGER
hereinafter called the "Owner", and SKAGIT COUNTY

hereinafter called the "Granting Authority".

Whereas the owner of the above described real property having made application for classification of that property under the provisions of CH 84.34 RCW.

And whereas, both the owner and granting authority agree to limit the use of said property, recognizing that such land has substantial public value as open space and that the preservation of such land constitutes an important physical, social, esthetic, and economic asset to the public, and both parties agree that the classification of the property during the life of this agreement shall be for:

Open Space Land Timber Land

Now, therefore, the parties, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, do agree as follows:

1. During the term of this agreement, the land shall be used only in accordance with the preservation of its classified use.
2. No structures shall be erected upon such land except those directly related to, and compatible with, the classified use of the land.
3. This agreement shall be effective commencing on the date the legislative body receives the signed agreement from the property owner and shall remain in effect until the property is withdrawn or removed from classification.
4. This agreement shall apply to the parcels of land described herein and shall be binding upon the heirs, successors and assignees of the parties hereto.
5. **Withdrawal:** The land owner may withdraw from this agreement if, after a period of eight years, he or she files a request to withdraw classification with the assessor. Two years from the date of that request the assessor shall withdraw classification from the land, and the applicable taxes and interest shall be imposed as provided in RCW 84.34.070 and 84.34.108.

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6. Breach: After the effective date of this agreement, any change in use of the land, except through compliance with items (5), (7), or (9), shall be considered a breach of this agreement, and shall be subject to removal of classification and liable for applicable taxes, penalties, and interest as provided in RCW 84.34.080 and RCW 84.34.108.
7. A breach of agreement shall not have occurred and the additional tax shall not be imposed if removal of classification resulted solely from:
- (a) Transfer to a governmental entity in exchange for other land located within the State of Washington.
 - (b) A taking through the exercise of the power of eminent domain, or sale or transfer to an entity having the power in anticipation of the exercise of such power and having manifested its intent in writing or by other official action.
 - (c) A natural disaster such as a flood, windstorm, earthquake, or other such calamity rather than by virtue of the act of the landowner changing the use of such property.
 - (d) Official action by an agency of the State of Washington or by the county or city where the land is located disallowing the present use of such land.
 - (e) Transfer of land to a church when such land would qualify for exemption pursuant to RCW 84.36.020.
 - (f) Acquisition of property interests by State agencies or agencies or organizations qualified under RCW 84.34.210 and 64.04.130 (See RCW 84.34108(5)(i)).
 - (g) Removal of land classified as farm and agricultural land under RCW 84.34.020(2)(d).
8. The county assessor may require an owner to submit data relevant to continuing the eligibility of any parcel of land described in this agreement.
9. Reclassification as provided in Chapter 84.34 RCW.

This agreement shall be subject to the following conditions:

Applicant agrees to place the subject property
into a conservation easement within five (5)
years of the date of this decision.

It is declared that this agreement specifies the classification and conditions as provided for in CH 84.34 RCW and the conditions imposed by this Granting Authority. This agreement to tax according to the use of the property may be annulled or canceled at any time by the Legislature.

Dated April 21, 1997

Granting Authority: SKAGIT COUNTY
Shirley Wadler
City or County

CHAIRMAN, SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD
Title OF COMMISSIONERS

As owner(s) of the herein described land I/we indicated by my/our signature(s) that I am/we are aware of the potential tax liability and hereby accept the classification and conditions of this agreement.

Dated 04/19/97

Maianne Kossman
Owner(s)
[Signature]
(Must be signed by all owners)

Date signed agreement received by Legislative Authority

April 21, 1997

Prepare in triplicate with one completed copy to each of the following: Owner, Legislative Authority, County Assessor