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**LAKE LAWRENCE**  
Management District  
Steering Committee

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**On proposed Thurston County  
Lake Lawrence Lake Management District No. 26  
Before the Board of Thurston County Commissioners**

13 April 2026

TO: Lake Lawrence Property Owners

A Resolution of Intention to create Lake Management District (LMD) for Lake Lawrence was adopted by the County Commissioners on 4 November 2025 and identified as Resolution No. 16564. A Resolution of Findings & Determinations for Lake Lawrence LMD No. 26 was adopted by the County Commissioners on 3 February 2026. Resolution No. 16604. A vote on 12 March 2026 for the new Lake Lawrence LMD was affirmative, with 79,155 (89%) votes cast in favor of creating the District and 8,581 votes opposed. In response to this favorable vote by the property owners, the Thurston County Commissioners adopted an Ordinance establishing Lake Management District No. 26 for Lake Lawrence on 31 March 2026. A copy of these resolutions and the Ordinance can be accessed by visiting the LMD Website at: <https://www.lakelawrencelakemanagementdistrict.com>, contacting the LMD at [lakelawrence750@gmail.com](mailto:lakelawrence750@gmail.com) and requesting a copy, or scan this QR Code and scroll down to item #3.



If you do not have internet access, you may contact the LMD at 253-341-6059 and request a copy.

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1. The **Public Hearing** to consider objections and corrections to the roll of rates and charges and to consider approval of this roll is set for:

**DATE:** 5 May 2026  
**TIME:** 3:30 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard)  
**PLACE:** Thurston County Atrium, Room 110, 3000 Pacific Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98501

- The proposed special assessment roll is available for public perusal at the Environmental Health Office, Thurston County Atrium, Suite 225, 3000 Pacific Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98501 between the hours of 8:00 am – 3:30 pm on the following dates(s) 14 April – 4 May 2026
- Objections to the proposed special assessment must be in writing, include clear grounds for objections, and must be filed prior to the public hearing. All written objections/comments must be submitted by mail or email no later than 5:00 p.m., 4 May 2026. Send by mail/email to Season Long, Department of Health and Human Services, Environmental Health Division, 3000 Pacific Ave., SE, Olympia, WA 98501, or email to [season.long@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:season.long@co.thurston.wa.us)
- Failure to so object shall be deemed to waive an objection (RCW 36.61.140).

**Contact Person:** Season Long 360-463-8323. Written comments may be submitted by mail or email no later than 5:00 p.m., January 19th, 2026, Send by mail to Season Long, Environmental Health Division Director, Public Health and Social Services, Environmental Health Division 3000 Pacific Ave, SE Olympia, WA 98501, or via email to [season.long@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:season.long@co.thurston.wa.us). Those wishing to testify should appear and be heard. You may also connect remotely and be heard; information will be posted on the Board of County Commissioners public meetings and hearings web page: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/meetings-public-hearings-and-work-session-agendas>. Citizens requiring special accommodation at the hearing should call the Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator at 360-786-5440 72 hours prior to the public hearing. Citizens with hearing impairments may call via Washington Relay: 711 or 800-833-6388.

**Billing for LMD charges:** After considering all objections and the possibility of amending the roll of rates and charges, the County Commissioners will adopt a final roll of rates and charges for LMD No. 26. The rates will begin for the new LMD in the year 2027, shall be included in Thurston County's annual property tax statements, and shall be collected in the same manner as property taxes.

**LMD Management Activities:** For over 40 years, efforts have been made to maintain the health and protect the resources of Lake Lawrence. LMD No. 26 builds upon this LMD legacy, providing a dedicated and sustainable funding mechanism. The new LMD proposes to perform the following activities:

- Maintain Lake Health and Balance: Fund activities that maintain an ecological balance for both humans and wildlife.
- Implement Vital Management Plans: Implement the Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan (IAVMP) and Cyanobacteria Management Plan (CMP). The plans are essential for the long-term health of our lake.
- Control Invasive Species: Monitor and control noxious and invasive aquatic plants and vegetation.
- Optimize Plant Management: Monitor and manage submerged aquatic plants for recreational, aesthetic and habitat.
- Enhance Water Quality: Improve and maintain water quality.
- Proactive Problem Solving: Fund studies to investigate and solve lake quality problems.
- Ensure Lake Safety: Monitor and address safety issues on the lake, creating a safer environment for recreation.
- Empower Lake Stewardship: Educate members on effective lake management practices.
- Efficient and Effective Administration: Manage and fund essential administrative, engineering, testing, legal and operational costs, including the initial expenses of establishing the lake management district.

**District Details:** Lake Lawrence is a beautiful 320-acre lake in Thurston County, Washington. Membership in the LMD will include all properties with frontage or community access to Lake Lawrence, except private roads, utilities, and HOA community properties. The proposed term for LMD No. 26 is thirty-five years, from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2061.

**Funding:** We propose the following annual charges per parcel. These charges are a 10% increase for upland and public properties and a 130% increase for lake and canal front properties. These charges will take effect on 2027 property tax bills.

	<u>Proposed Charges</u>	Current Charges
Private lake-front property	\$765.97	\$333.03
Private Canal-front property	\$378.51	\$164.57
Private Upland property with community lake access	\$91.25	\$82.95
Improved WDFW boat launch property - Public	\$22,456.57	\$20,415.06
Other public access (County Park - Public)	\$11,403.74	\$10,367.04

- Senior/Disabled exemption percentage will be 80% of the above rates and charges.
- The estimated revenue from annual special assessments in the first year (2027) is \$192,500.
- Annual charges may be adjusted for inflation with a maximum yearly increase of 5%.
- Total annual revenue will not exceed the maximum allowed in RCW 36.61. No revenue bonds will be issued.

Respectfully,

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