

ORDINANCE No. 16621

An ORDINANCE creating a Lake Management District for Lake Lawrence pursuant to Chapter 36.61 RCW, to be designated Thurston County Lake Management District No. 26.

WHEREAS, Chapter 36.61 RCW authorizes the Board of Thurston County Commissioners to initiate the creation of lake management districts; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County, in accordance with the provisions of RCW 36.61 70 found creation of the Lake Lawrence Lake Management District No. 26 to be in the public interest through adoption of Resolution No. 16604 on February 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to create the district received a majority of the votes cast by property owners within the proposed district pursuant to RCW 36.61.100.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THURSTON COUNTY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Creation of District. Thurston County Lake Management District No. 26 for Lake Lawrence, as proposed in Resolution of Intention to Create No. 16564 adopted on November 4 , 2025, is hereby created.

Section 2. Conditions for District Operation. The conditions for the operation of Lake Management District No. 26 are set forth in Resolution No. 16604, on February 3, 2026, which Resolution is incorporated by reference as though set forth in full. The conditions for operation include the findings and determinations, with district purposes, district boundaries, property categories, duration (thirty-five years); annual rates and charges; exemptions; and provisions for a Lake Managed by a volunteer Steering Committee of Lake Management District property owners.

Section 3. Rates and Charges – Collection.

1. Rates and charges for Lake Management District No. 26 shall be included in the Thurston County’s annual property tax statements. Properties which do not receive a property tax statement will receive a separate billing statement for these rates and charges.
2. The total amount of the Lake Management District No. 26 annual rates and charges shall be due and payable on or before the 30th day of April and shall be delinquent after that date; however, if one-half of such rate and charge is paid on or before the

said 30th of April, the remainder shall be due and payable on or before the 31st day of October and shall be delinquent after that date.

3. If payment for combined property taxes and Lake Management District No. 26 assessments is less than the amount due, the payment shall be applied first to the annual property tax of the parcel and any remaining amount to the Lake Management District No. 26 assessment.
4. Property owners within Lake Management District No. 26 enrolled in the Senior Citizen Exemption Program with the Thurston County Assessor's Office will receive a reduction in their Lake Management District assessment for the years in which they qualify for the exemption with the County, commensurate with the rate reduction percentage offered by the program.

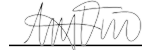
Section 4. Severability. If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 5. Corrections. Upon approval of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Clerk of the Board is authorized to make any necessary corrections to any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this Ordinance for scrivener's or clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

Section 6. Effectiveness. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

ADOPTED: March 31, 2026

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

JON TUNHEIM

Prosecuting Attorney

By: 

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

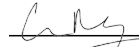
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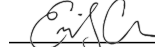
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