



# PETITION TO THE THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH A NEW LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR LAKE LAWRENCE

LAKE LAWRENCE  
Management District  
Steering Committee

We, the undersigned Lake Lawrence property owners, request that the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners initiate the process of establishing the new Lake Management District (LMD) No. 26 for Lake Lawrence. This is a critical investment in the future of our lake and our community.

**Purpose:** 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 to:

1. **Maintain Lake Health and Balance:** Fund activities that maintain an ecological balance for both humans and wildlife.
2. **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.
3. **Control Invasive Species:** Monitor and control noxious and invasive aquatic plants and vegetation.
4. **Optimize Plant Management:** Monitor and manage submerged aquatic plants for recreational, aesthetic and habitat.
5. **Enhance Water Quality:** Improve and maintain water quality.
6. **Proactive Problem Solving:** Fund studies to investigate and solve lake quality problems.
7. **Ensure Lake Safety:** Monitor and address safety issues on the lake, creating a safer environment for recreation.
8. **Empower Lake Stewardship:** Educate members on effective lake management practices.
9. **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>	<u>Current Charges</u>
Private lake-front property	\$765.97	\$333.03
Private canal-front property	\$378.51	\$164.57
Upland property with community lake access	\$91.25	\$82.95
Improved WDFW boat launch property	\$22,456.57	\$20,415.06
Other public access (County Park)	\$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 \$190,000.
- 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.

**Support Lake Lawrence's Future:** Your support for LMD No. 26 ensures the long-term health, beauty, and value of our lake. Please sign, date and return this document by 30 June 2025, via one of the following methods: Mail to 15735 Topaz Dr. SE, Yelm, WA 98597 or place it in the LMD drop box on the corner of Topaz and Lawrence Place Dr or scan and email to [lakelawrence750@gmail.com](mailto:lakelawrence750@gmail.com) or take a picture with your phone and text to 253-341-6059.

**I/We support the formation of Lake Lawrence Lake Management District No. 26. \*\*Required for each parcel you own\*\***

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parcel's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_, Yelm, WA 98597

**Parcel Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Phone/Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*To provide you with updates on the process and/or obtain clarification on address/parcel number.