



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

**Resolution 2019- 26** RCW 89.08.405 3(a) Maximum Annual per Parcel Rate

**SPONSOR CD:** Benton and Franklin Conservation Districts

**AREA:** NW SW NC SC NE SE

**RESOLUTION TYPE:**

- Policy
- Position Statement
- Recognition
- Study

**RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY**

- WACD
- WSCC
- OTHER STAGE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_
- NRCS
- NACD
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT:**

RCW 89.08.405 sub 3(a) identifies 3 maximum annual per parcel rates based on a county's population:

“The maximum annual per parcel rate shall not exceed five dollars, except that for counties with a population of over four hundred eighty thousand persons, the maximum annual per parcel rate shall not exceed ten dollars, and for counties with a population of over one million five hundred thousand persons, the maximum annual per parcel rate shall not exceed fifteen dollars.”

These population categories are arbitrary and lack any justification. They simply target specific counties who supported the higher rates. This limits the ability of smaller counties to raise their parcel rates when in fact smaller counties would have greater need for higher parcel rates because of the smaller number of parcels compared to larger counties.

**(Note:** This would not be an automatic per parcel increase. Each CD board would have to approve an increase as well as the County Commissioners from each County.)



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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:**

WACD shall explore changing RCW 89.08.405 sub 3(a) in the following manner:

RCW 89.08.405

(3)(a) The system of rates and charges may include an annual per acre amount, an annual per parcel amount, or an annual per parcel amount plus an annual per acre amount. If included in the system of rates and charges, the maximum annual per acre rate or charge shall not exceed ten cents per acre. The maximum annual per parcel rate shall not exceed fifteen dollars.

**TYPE OF TEXT OF RESOLUTION**

- Technical (changes address grammar, punctuation, sentence flow and makes **NO** substantive change(s) to the existing policy.
- Substantive change to existing policy. If in doubt, check the box.
- New policy.

**IS THERE A BUDGET IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY?**

- NO**
- YES** (briefly explain):