



## Island County Public Works

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Insert Date

Name

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RE: Proposed maintenance assessments, Diking District No. 4

You are receiving this letter as you are the owner of property that is within Diking District No. 4. The dike serves two primary roles, it protects properties from flooding, and it acts as an emergency access for the Shore Drive community.

Public Works is proposing a maintenance levy assessment to provide funds for ongoing maintenance activities within the District over the next 10 years. The proposed assessment is based on inflation of the 2015 Schedule of Assessments and review of the previous 10 years of maintenance costs. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a 10 year Maintenance Estimate in the amount of \$50,240.

A Board of Appraisers was appointed by the BoCC to determine how the maintenance estimate would be apportioned among the properties in the District. The Board of Appraisers decided to recommend that each of the 196 properties in the District should pay an equal portion of the estimate, because all of the properties benefit equally from the dike. This is consistent with previous assessments.

**The proposed annual assessment for each of the properties in the District is: \$25.63 for the 2024 – 2033 period. (a total of \$256.33 over the 10-year period)**

Previous maintenance assessments occurred in 1994, 2005, and 2015, approximately every 10 years. The assessments for 2005 and 2015 were a one-time fee of \$194.78 and \$238.82 respectively, for each of the parcels in the district. For this assessment, it was decided that an annual assessment would be more equitable for property owners whose property is sold within the assessment time period.

**Questions? Want more information? Visit come to a public meeting or contact us!**

COMMUNITY MEETING: Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
4:30 – 5:30 pm  
Useless Bay Golf and Country Club  
5725 Country Club Dr., Langley

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PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10 am  
In-person and virtual attendance options

Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room 102B Basement)  
Island County Annex Bldg.  
1 NE 6th Street, Coupeville, WA

A link to an on-line attendance option will be on the agenda for the day of the hearing (October 24<sup>th</sup>), which will be posted on this website:  
[islandcountywa.gov/AgendaCenter](http://islandcountywa.gov/AgendaCenter)

This is an opportunity for the public to provide in-person / virtual comments regarding these proposed charges.

Public comments can also be emailed to [CommentBOCC@islandcountywa.gov](mailto:CommentBOCC@islandcountywa.gov) or mailed to Island County BOCC, 1 NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Coupeville, WA 98239. In your comment, include the date of the hearing and the item for which you want to provide written comment. Written comments will not be read during the meeting. All board members will receive the written comments.

**Following the public comment period at the Public Hearing, the Board of Island County Commissioners will decide if they would like to approve the recommended assessments.**

Respectfully,

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Director/County Engineer  
Island County Public Works

Cc: Alpha/Day/Diking District No. 4