

Boilers and unfired pressure vessels. Inspection fees—Schedule.

Over 50 square feet area (large)
 internal or external:..... 5.00 base
 For each additional 100 square feet
 area 10.00
 Maximum one vessel 45.00

Shop Inspections:

One half day \$25.00 plus expenses
 One full day 40.00 plus expenses
 One half day: Not to exceed 2 hours on site
 plus travel time.
 One full day: Not to exceed 6 hours plus travel
 time.

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CHAPTER 218.

[S. B. 519.]

COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION SERVICE AREAS.

AN ACT relating to and authorizing the creation of county park and recreation service areas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Parks and recreation service areas. Authorized—Purposes—Taxing districts.

SECTION 1. Any class AA, A, first or second class county shall have the power to create county park and recreation service areas for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance or operation of neighborhood park and recreational facilities which shall be owned by the county and administered as other county parks. The service districts created as hereinafter set forth may finance any of the following park purposes: Acquisition of park sites and buildings; construction of improvements upon county park allocated lands which will promote leisure time and recreational activities

of county residents on a neighborhood basis, including but not limited to the construction of field houses, swimming pools, tennis courts, playfields, and other facilities; the maintenance of any county-owned park or recreational facility, including the purchase of athletic equipment and supplies and the upkeep of park buildings, grounds and facilities; and to finance the costs of engaging custodial, recreational and park program personnel at any county-owned park or recreational facility. Local service areas shall be "taxing districts" within the meaning of section 2, Article 7 of the Constitution as amended by Amendment 17.

SEC. 2. Local service areas may be initiated in any unincorporated area of a class AA, A or first class county by resolution adopted by the board of county commissioners or by a petition signed by ten percent of the registered voters within the proposed service area.

Initiated by
resolution or
petition.

SEC. 3. Any resolution or petition initiating a local service area shall set forth the boundaries of the service district with certainty, describe the purpose or purposes for which the service area is to be formed, contain an estimate of the initial cost of any capital improvements or services to be authorized in the service area.

Resolution or
petition—
Contents.

"Initial costs" as used herein shall include the estimated cost during the first year of operation of:

- (1) Land to be acquired for county neighborhood park purposes by the service area to establish a park or park facility specified in the resolution or petition;
- (2) Capital improvements specified in the objectives or purposes of the service area;
- (3) Forming the service area; and
- (4) Personnel, maintenance or operation of any

county park facility within the service area as specified by the resolution or petition.

Parks and
recreation
service areas.
Petitions—
Verification of
signatures.

SEC. 4. Petitions shall be submitted to the county auditor who shall verify the signatures thereon to determine that the petition has been signed by the requisite number of persons who are registered voters within the proposed service area. If the petition is found not to have the requisite number of signatures, it shall be returned to the petitioners. If the petition is found to be sufficient, the auditor shall so certify and transmit the same to the board of county commissioners.

Feasibility and
cost studies—
Public hearing—
Notice.

SEC. 5. Upon accepting a petition to form a local service area, or upon passage of a resolution to establish such a service area, the board of county commissioners shall order a full investigation for the purpose or purposes of the proposed service area to determine the feasibility of forming the same and to determine the estimated initial costs involved in obtaining the objectives set forth in the petition or resolution. The board shall require that the reports on the feasibility and the cost of the proposed service area be made available to the board and that copies of such reports be filed with the clerk of the board not more than eighty days after the board first directs that the studies and reports be undertaken. The board shall also provide by resolution that within twenty days after receiving the reports a public hearing shall be held at the county seat or at some convenient location within the proposed service area. At least five days before the hearing, the board shall give notice of the hearing not less than twice in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the county. The notice shall describe the boundaries of the proposed service area, the purpose or purposes of the proposed service area, the estimated initial costs, indicate that the reports and other materials

prepared at the order of the board are available in the office of the clerk of the board for the study and review of any interested party, and set the time, date and place of the hearing.

SEC. 6. At the hearing, the board of county commissioners shall first provide for an explanation of the objectives of the proposed service area and the estimated initial costs thereof. The board shall permit any resident or property owner of the service area to appear and be heard, and may permit property owners in contiguous areas to include their property within the service area in the event that they make their request for inclusion in writing. The board shall examine all reports on the feasibility of the proposed area and its initial costs and may, if they deem it necessary, recess the hearing for not more than twenty days to obtain any additional information necessary to arrive at the findings provided for in section 3 of this act.

Hearing procedure—
Inclusion of property—
Examination of reports—
Recess.

SEC. 7. At the conclusion of a hearing, the board of county commissioners shall make the following findings:

Findings of county commissioners.

(1) Whether or not the service area's objectives fit within the general framework of the county's comprehensive park plan and general park policies.

(2) The exact boundaries of the service area: The board shall be empowered to modify the boundaries as originally defined in the petition or resolution initiating the proposed service area: *Provided*, That the boundaries of the service area may not be enlarged unless the property owners within the area to be added consent to their inclusion in writing; or unless the board gives the property owners of the area to be added, written notice, mailed to their regular permanent residences as shown on the latest records of the county auditor, five days prior

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Park and recreation service areas. Findings of county commissioners—Dismissal of proceedings, limitation on subsequent initiation.

to a regular or continued hearing upon the formation of the proposed service area.

(3) A full definition or explanation of the nature of improvements or services to be financed by the proposed service area.

(4) Whether or not the objectives of the service area are feasible.

(5) The number or name of the service area.

If satisfactory findings cannot be made by the board, the petition or resolution shall be dismissed, and no petition or resolution embracing the same area may be accepted or heard for at least two years.

Resolution ordering election.

SEC. 8. Upon making findings under the provisions of section 7 of this act, the board of county commissioners shall, by resolution, order an election of the property owners or voters of the district to determine if the service area shall be formed. The commissioners shall in their resolution direct the county auditor to set the date of the election, the date to be not more than sixty days following the conclusion of the hearing and the making of findings as provided for in sections 3 and 7 of this act; describe the purposes of the service area; set forth the estimated cost of any initial improvements or services to be financed by the service area should it be formed; describe the method of financing the initial improvements or services described in the resolution or petition; and order that notice of election be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least twice prior to the election date.

Election procedure—Formation—Special levy or bond issue.

SEC. 9. If the petition or resolution initiating the formation of the proposed service area proposes that the initial improvements of services are to be financed by a special levy, a special election for that purpose shall be conducted within the boundaries of the service area. All registered voters within the service area shall be eligible to vote on the proposi-

tion. The county auditor, for the purpose of the special election, may combine or divide precincts in order to provide the greatest convenience to voters of the service area.

The county auditor, in submitting the issue to the voters for their approval or rejection, shall submit and express two propositions on the ballot in substantially the following form:

(1) FORMATION OF LOCAL SERVICE AREA

Shall a county service area be established for the area described in a resolution of the board of commissioners of county, adopted on the day of19....., to provide financing for neighborhood park facilities, improvements and services?

Yes..... No.....

(2) SPECIAL LEVY (SPECIAL BOND ISSUE)

Shall the county commissioners, for the purposes of “..... local service area No. or “(name of district) local service area of county”, levy a general tax of mills for one year upon taxable property within said service area in excess of the forty mill tax limit for authorized purposes of the service area?

OR shall the county commissioners for the purposes of local park service area No. issue dollars of general obligation bonds for a period of not to exceed twenty years and levy a tax of approximately mills upon all taxable property in said service area to pay the interest on and to retire said bonds; said levy to be excess of the forty mill tax limit?

Yes..... No.....

SEC. 10. In order for the service area to be established and the special tax levy proposition or bond retirement levy proposition to be approved, voters exceeding in number at least sixty percent of the number of voters who cast ballots for the office of

—Vote required.

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county commissioner within the proposed service area in the last preceding general election of county commissioners must cast ballots at the service area election and on the tax levy proposition, and of all the votes cast at the election at least sixty percent of said votes must favor the establishment of the service area and the levy of the special one-year tax or the special levy for the retirement of the specified bond issue.

Resolution declaring formation—Treasurer—Disbursement procedure.

SEC. 11. If the formation of the service area is approved by the voters of the area under the provisions of sections 9 and 10 of this act, the county commissioners shall by resolution declare the service area to be formed and direct the county treasurer to be the treasurer of the service area. Expenditures of the service area shall be made upon warrants drawn by the county auditor pursuant to vouchers approved by the board of county commissioners.

Local service area fund.

SEC. 12. If the service area is formed, there shall be created in the office of the county treasurer a local service area fund with such accounts as the treasurer may find convenient, or as the state auditor may direct, into which shall be deposited all revenues received by the service area from tax levy, from gifts or donations, and from service or admission charges. Such fund shall be designated “(name of county) service area No. fund.” Or “(name of district) service area fund.” Special accounts shall be established within the fund for the deposit of the proceeds of each bond issue made for the construction of a specified project or improvement, and there shall also be established special accounts, within the fund for the deposit of revenues raised by special levy or derived from other specific revenues, to be used exclusively for the retirement of an outstanding bond issue or for paying the interest or service charges on any bond issue.

SEC. 13. A service area shall not have power to levy an annual authorized levy, but it shall have the power to levy a tax upon the property included within the service district in the manner prescribed for cities for the purpose of exceeding the limitations established by section 2, Article 7 as amended by Amendment 17 of the Constitution and by RCW 84.52.052.

Tax levies,
bond issues.

The special voted levy may be either for operating fund or for capital outlay, or for a cumulative reserve fund.

A service area may issue general obligations bonds for capital purposes only, not to exceed an amount, together with any outstanding general obligation indebtedness, equal to one and one-half percent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within the district, and may provide for the retirement thereof by levies in excess of millage in accordance with the provisions of RCW 84.52.056: *Provided*, That such districts may issue bonds equal to five percent of the taxable property within the district when such bonds are approved by the voters of the district at a special election called for the purpose.

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SEC. 14. The board of county commissioners shall annually compile a budget for each service area in a form prescribed by the state division of municipal corporations for the ensuing calendar year which shall, to the extent that anticipated income is actually realized, constitute the appropriations for the service area. The budget may include an amount to accumulate a reserve for a stated capital purpose. In compiling the budget, all available funds and anticipated income shall be taken into consideration, including contributions or contractual payments from school districts, cities, or towns, county or any other governmental entity, gifts and donations, special tax

Budgets—Appropriations
—Accumulations of reserves.

levy, fees and charges, proceeds of bond issues, and cumulative reserve funds.

Park and recreation service areas. Employees.

SEC. 15. All employees, whether their salary is paid in whole or in part from funds raised by levies of the service area, shall be employees of the county and shall be subject to all rules and benefits which are applicable to other county employees.

Admission fees and charges.

SEC. 16. The county commissioners may establish admission fees or other direct charges to be paid by persons using county park facilities, as hereinafter defined, which have been financed in whole or in part by a service area. Such direct charges to users may be made for the use of or admission to swimming pools, field houses, tennis and handball courts, bathhouses, swimming beaches, boat launching, storage or moorage facilities, ski lifts, picnic areas and other similar recreation facilities, and for parking lots used in conjunction with such facilities. All funds collected under the provisions of this section shall be deposited to the fund of the service area established in the office of the county treasurer, to be disbursed under the service area budget as approved by the board.

Concessions.

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SEC. 17. The board may, as with other county park properties and facilities, grant concessions for food and other services: *Provided*, That the proceeds from any concessions accruing to the county from park or park facilities which have been financed in part or wholly from service area funds shall be deposited to the fund of the service area in the office of the county treasurer to be disbursed under the service area budget as approved by the board.

Use of funds — Purchases.

SEC. 18. The board may reimburse from service funds any charge incurred by the county current expense fund which is properly an expense of the service area, including reasonable administrative costs

incurred by the offices of county treasurer and the county auditor in providing accounting, clerical or other services for the benefit of the service area. The board may provide for the payment of any personnel engaged in activities financed by service area funds from current expense or salary funds, and reimburse current expense or salary funds from service area funds. The board shall, where a county purchasing department has been established, provide for the purchase of all supplies and equipment through the department.

SEC. 19. Any park facility or park acquired, improved or otherwise financed in whole or in part by local service area funds shall be owned by the county. The county may make expenditures from current expense funds budgeted for park purposes for the maintenance, operation or capital improvement of any county park or park facility.

Ownership of parks and facilities—Expenditure of park purpose funds.

SEC. 20. The purpose of this act shall be to provide a higher level of park services and shall not in any way diminish the right of a county to provide a general park program financed from current expense funds.

Purpose.

SEC. 21. The county may exercise any of the powers enumerated in chapter 67.20 RCW with respect to any park and recreation facility financed in whole or part from local service funds.

Powers in chapter 67.20 RCW available.

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