

Land Acquisition

2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission

Resolution Number 6

Recommendation to the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners Regarding Procedures for County Responses to Land Acquisitions by State and Federal Agencies

WHEREAS, from time to time, State and Federal agencies ask Clallam County whether it has any concerns regarding the acquisition by those State and Federal agencies of land within the County's taxing, legislative, regulatory, and law enforcement jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, such acquisitions can result in the loss, to various degrees, of the County's taxing, legislative, regulatory, and law enforcement jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, these requests occur, for example, when Washington State Parks wants to acquire land for park purposes, and when Indian Tribes ask the Bureau of Indian Affairs to acquire land in trust for Tribal Trust Land or Reservation purposes.

WHEREAS, historically, Clallam County has not responded to many of these requests, and it has no formal standards on which it should base any response.

WHEREAS, the land acquisitions by these state and federal agencies could have positive or negative impacts on Clallam County.

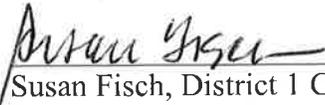
WHEREAS, for example, the acquisition by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of property for Tribal Trust Land could result in economic opportunities only available to Tribes or Tribal Citizens. This could result in economic benefits to Clallam County offsetting the lost tax revenue from that property. On the other hand, the inability of Clallam County to enact land use controls on Tribal Trust Lands could result in development on those lands inconsistent with adjoining properties within county jurisdiction and adversely affect the value of those adjoining properties.

WHEREAS, the many and various ways such acquisitions could positively or negatively affect Clallam County's future, or the many and various ways in which any negative effects of such acquisitions could be mitigated through conditions imposed on such acquisitions, dictate that the county should study the potential impacts of such acquisitions; develop standards under which such acquisitions are supported, or opposed, or conditioned; and respond to those requests for comments from the state and federal agencies seeking to acquire the property. It is important that Clallam County base any comments on well-thought-out and considered standards which have been developed through an orderly process.

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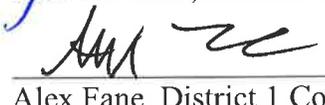
Therefore, the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission, in consideration of the above findings of facts, hereby recommends to the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners that it develop policies and procedures for responding to requests from State and Federal agencies for comments on the potential impact of transfers or acquisitions of land to or by those agencies where such transfers or acquisitions would affect the County's taxing, revenue raising, legislative, regulatory, and/or law enforcement jurisdiction.

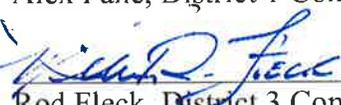
This Resolution is passed and approved on this 22nd day of December, 2025, by the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission.

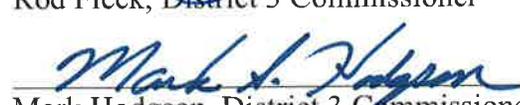

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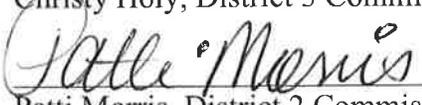

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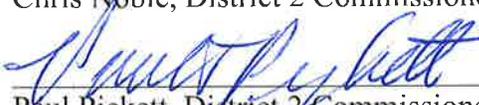

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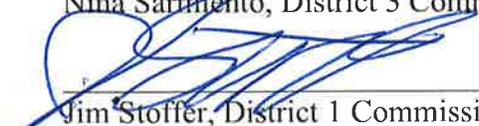

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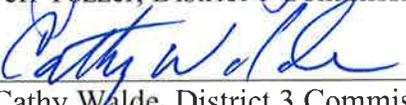

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