

**INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION
TO THE SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

TO: The County Council of San Juan County:

We, the undersigned registered voters of San Juan County, Washington, residing at the addresses set forth opposite our respective names, being equal in number to at least fifteen percent (15%) of the number of votes cast in the County in the last gubernatorial election, respectfully request that the following ordinance be enacted without alteration by the County Council, or if not so enacted, be submitted to a vote of the residents of San Juan County. The title of said ordinance is as follows:

San Juan County Initiative 2020-10

Reduce Duration of Conservation Area Real Estate Excise Tax

Initiative Measure No. 2020-10 concerns the conservation area real estate excise tax. This measure reduces the duration by six years, through December 5, 2020, for the assessment of the conservation area real estate tax on real property transactions in the county, in the amount of one percent of the selling price, the proceeds of which are used by the San Juan County Land Bank for the acquisition and maintenance of conservation areas.

Yes []
No []

A full, true and correct copy of the ordinance is reproduced on the reverse side of this petition.

Each of us, individually, says:

I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of San Juan County, State of Washington; and my residence address is correctly stated on this petition.

WARNING: Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, or knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, or signs this petition when he or she is not a legal voter, or signs this petition when he or she is otherwise not qualified to sign, or makes any false statement on this petition, may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

	Signature	Printed Name	Address (Number and Street)	Date Signed
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Initiative No. 2020-10 April 6, 2020

AN ACT relating to reducing the overall real property excise tax in San Juan County, Washington by amending Section II.3.d of the Ordinance 142-1990 (SJCC 2.120.020 and as amended by Ordinance No. 6-1999 and Ordinance No. 1-2011).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JUAN:

Section 1. Reduce the duration of the Conservation Area Real Estate Excise Tax. Section II.3.d of the Ordinance 142-1990 (SJCC 2.120.020 {formerly SJCC 16.54.020} and as amended by Ordinances No. 6-1999 and 1-2011), which establish the time period for the "Conservation Area Real Estate Excise Tax (REET): shall be amended as follows:

3. "Conservation area real estate excise tax (REET)" means that tax authorized by the voters of the County (pursuant to the enablement and requirements of Chapter 82.45 and 82.46 RCW) as now enacted or subsequently amended:
 - a. Levied on each sale of real property in the County beginning December 6, 1990;
 - b. Paid by the purchaser;
 - c. At a rate of one percent of the selling price;
 - d. For a period of thirty (30) ~~36~~ years after December 6, 1990 and expiring with transactions after December 5, ~~2026~~ 2020.
 - e. Proceeds to be used exclusively for the acquisition and maintenance of real property interests in conservation areas as defined in this section.

Section 2. Effective Date. This amendment to Section II.3.d of Ordinance 142-1990 shall become effective thirty (30) days after an election at which the amendment is duly approved by the voters of San Juan County.

Section 3. This amendment shall not be construed as affecting an existing right, liability or obligation under Ordinance 142-1990 as existed prior to this amendment. This means that all REETs applied to real estate sales in San Juan County, Washington, prior to December 5, 2020 shall remain valid and shall not have to be returned to the payor.

Section 4. If any portion of this amendment or its application to any person or circumstance is deemed invalid, the remaining provisions and the application of its provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected.

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