



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103P (May 2009)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Department of Revenue

Permanent Rule Only

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

31 days after filing.

Other (specify) **January 1, 2011** (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

Yes No If Yes, explain:

The Department is adopting this rule with an effective date of January 1st so that county officials may properly calculate interest on deferred special benefit assessments for farm and agricultural or timber land removed or withdrawn from classification on or after January 1, 2011.

Purpose: Special benefit assessments for certain local improvements to farm and agricultural or timber land classified under chapter 84.34 RCW (Open Space Program) may be deferred by the land owner. If a land owner chose to defer these assessments, and the land is subsequently removed or withdrawn from classification, the deferred special benefit assessments become due and payable with interest. WAC 458-30-590 provides the rate of inflation used in calculating the interest that is added to the deferred amount of special benefit assessments.

This rule was amended to provide the rate of inflation to be used for calculating interest on land removed or withdrawn during the 2011 calendar year.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:

Amended: WAC 458-30-590 Rate of inflation – Publication – Interest rate - Calculation

Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 84.34.360

Other authority :

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 10-20-096 on September 30, 2010.

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: **None**

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting: **An analysis was not prepared**

Date adopted: December 29, 2010

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This rule was adopted on December 29, 2010 and becomes effective January 1, 2011. It may be used to determine tax liability on and after the effective date, until the codified version is available from the code reviser's office.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 10-02-027, filed 12/29/09, effective 1/1/10)

WAC 458-30-590 Rate of inflation--Publication--Interest rate--Calculation. (1) **Introduction.** This section sets forth the rates of inflation discussed in WAC 458-30-550. It also explains the department of revenue's obligation to annually publish a rate of inflation and the manner in which this rate is determined.

(2) **General duty of department--Basis for inflation rate.** Each year the department determines and publishes a rule establishing an annual rate of inflation. This rate of inflation is used in computing the interest that is assessed when farm and agricultural or timber land, which are exempt from special benefit assessments, is withdrawn or removed from current use classification.

(a) The rate of inflation is based upon the implicit price deflator for personal consumption expenditures calculated by the United States Department of Commerce. This rate is used to calculate the rate of interest collected on exempt special benefit assessments.

(b) The rate is published by December 31st of each year and applies to all withdrawals or removals from farm and agricultural or timber land classification that occur the following year.

(3) **Assessment of rate of interest.** An owner of classified farm and agricultural or timber land is liable for interest on the exempt special benefit assessment. Interest accrues from the date the local improvement district is created until the land is withdrawn or removed from classification. Interest accrues and is assessed in accordance with WAC 458-30-550.

(a) Interest is assessed only for the time (years and months) the land remains classified under RCW 84.34.020 (2) or (3).

(b) If the classified land is exempt from the special benefit assessment for more than one year, the annual inflation rates are used to calculate an average rate of interest. This average is determined by adding the inflation rate for each year the classified land was exempt from the special benefit assessment after the local improvement district was created. The sum of the inflation rates is then divided by the number of years involved to determine the applicable rate of interest.

(c) Example. A local improvement district for a domestic

water supply system was created in January 1990 and the owner used the statutory exemption provided in RCW 84.34.320. On July 1, 1997, the land was removed from the farm and agricultural classification. An average interest rate was calculated using the inflation rates for 1990 through 1997. The owner was then notified of the amount of previously exempt special benefit assessment, plus the average interest rate.

(4) **Rates of inflation.** The rates of inflation used to calculate the interest as required by WAC 458-30-550 are as follows:

YEAR	PERCENT	YEAR	PERCENT
1976	5.6	1977	6.5
1978	7.6	1979	11.3
1980	13.5	1981	10.3
1982	6.2	1983	3.2
1984	4.3	1985	3.5
1986	1.9	1987	3.7
1988	4.1	1989	4.8
1990	5.4	1991	4.2
1992	3.3	1993	2.7
1994	2.2	1995	2.3
1996	2.2	1997	2.1
1998	0.85	1999	1.42
2000	2.61	2001	1.89
2002	1.16	2003	1.84
2004	2.39	2005	2.54
2006	3.42	2007	2.08
2008	4.527	2009	-0.85 (negative)
<u>2010</u>	<u>1.539</u>		