



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** August 27, 2024

**Title of Item:** Revise Policy on Timber Sale Extensions

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Dennis (DJ) Thompson		<b>Department:</b> Land
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Dennis (DJ) Thompson, Land Commissioner		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 10 Minutes
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> <p>The existing policy for granting one year extensions on timber sale permits should be revised. There is not a requirement that requests for extensions be in writing nor does it mention anything about granting extension to operators having delinquent or uncollectable timber sale accounts with any county, state or federal agency. See attached comparison of old policy and what the proposed revision is.</p> <p>The Natural Resources Advisory Committee reviewed the revised policy change at its June 10, 2024 meeting and supports the change. If approved, the new policy would take effect on January 1, 2025. Loggers will be notified of the change in the timber sale packet that is mailed out prior to the December timber auction. It will also be discussed at the auction and be printed on all new timber sale contracts.</p>		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Motion to approve policy change to timber permit extensions.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

# OLD

**First Extension** – Timber permits may be extended for a period of one year. The following fees will apply: \$20.00 or 10% of the uncut balance, as determined from the County Land Office sale record, whichever is greater.

## Examples

Total cost of timber sale is \$15,000 and the logger has only paid the 15% downpayment (the sale has not been opened yet), cost of a one-year extension would be 10% of \$15,000 = \$1,500.

Total cost of timber sale is \$15,000 and the logger has paid for the sale in full (does not matter how much of the timber has been cut), cost of a one-year extension would be \$20.

*Note – fees collected for one-year extensions are not penalties, they are applied to the timber sale balance.*

# NEW

## **First Extensions**

- Timber permits that have been opened may be extended for a period of one year. An Administration Fee of \$25.00 will be charged. This fee is **NOT** applied to the timber sale balance.
- Timber permits that have not been opened may be extended for a period of one year. An Administration Fee of \$25.00 will be charged in addition to 10% of the total timber sale cost. The Administration Fee is **NOT** applied to the timber sale balance. The 10% **IS** applied to the timber sale balance.
- Extension requests must be received in writing.
- Extensions will not be granted to any operator having a delinquent or uncollectable timber sale account with any county, state or federal agency.

## **Section 1 Permit Extensions**

- Section 1 permits that have not been purchased will expire automatically after one year of being issued.
- Section 1 permits that have been purchased may be extended for a period of one year. An Administration Fee of \$25.00 will be charged. This fee is **NOT** applied to the timber sale balance.
- Extension requests must be received in writing.
- Extensions will not be granted to any operator having a delinquent or uncollectable timber sale account with any county, state or federal agency.