



Staff Report

September 16th, 2024 Council Meeting

Johnson Annexation – 10% Notice of Intent
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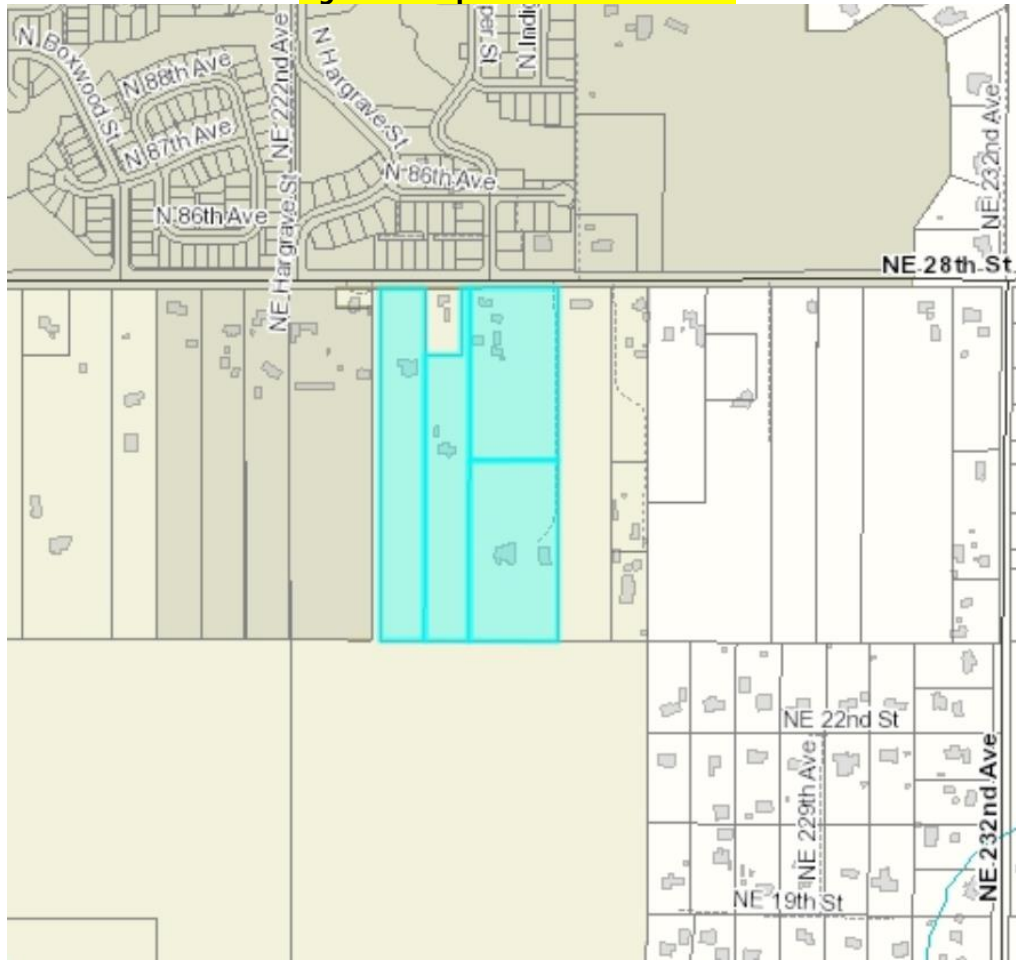
BACKGROUND: An annexation application has been submitted to the City to annex approximately 19.18 acres into the city limits of Camas.

SUMMARY: Jordan Ramis PC submitted a 10% notice of intent to the City of Camas on July 24th, 2024 on behalf of the property owners within the proposed annexation area. The annexation area is comprised of four parcels that total approximately 19.18 acres of land located south of NE 28th Street across from Green Mountain Estates and Green Mountain Planned Residential Development (see Figure 1). The annexation area is within the Camas Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

Property owners of the four parcels have signed the notice of intent to annex. The initiating parties represent 100% of valuation (\$5,022,039) of landowners in the proposed area. Three of the four parcels abut the existing city limit boundary to the north at the public right of way along NE 28th Street. The notice is valid and satisfies the requirements of RCW 35A.14.120.

The adopted comprehensive plan designation for the subject area is currently Single-Family Medium, which allows for zoning designations of R-7.5, R-10, and R-12. The current zoning for the subject area is Clark County R-12, Urban High Density, with an Urban Holding Overlay. The park land to the south is zoned Public Facilities and also carries an Urban Holding Overlay. Across the Street within the city limits the zoning designation is R-6 (6,000 square foot lots).

Figure 1: Proposed Annexation Area



City Boundary:

When drawing annexation boundaries, the goal is to have orderly patterns that allow for the ability provide services, continuity and allow for potential growth patterns that make sense. As proposed the four parcels have gaps to the west, east in in the middle. Planning staff has discussed this potential layout with city Parks and Public Works Department and as proposed this annexation creates a number of service challenges for utilities, emergency response, addressing and future public property ownership and maintenance challenges.

There are four parcels east of the proposed annexation area that are within the UGA, and two to the west. All of those parcels should be included in this annexation area by expanding the boundary to include them. One of the two parcels west of the proposed annexation area is a “flag stem” of a lot owned by Clark County as part of Camp Currie south of the subject area. Staff has been in discussions with County representatives to determine impacts to county operations should this annexation occur.

Process:

As per RCW 35.13.125, the City Council is required to meet with the initiating parties and will discuss the following:

1. Whether the City will accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation;
2. Whether it will require the simultaneous adoption of a proposed zoning regulation, if such a proposal has been prepared and filed (as provided for in RCW 35A.14.330, and RCW 35A.14.340); and
3. Whether it will require the assumption of all or any portion of existing City indebtedness by the area to be annexed.

If the Council were to accept the proposed annexation (with or without modifications) the next step in the process is for the initiating party to collect signatures from property owners representing at least 60% of the assessed value of the area to be annexed. During that time staff will also schedule hearings with the Planning Commission to develop a recommended zoning designation for the 60% hearing. If a valid petition is submitted, then the City Council may hold a public hearing to consider the request.

BUDGET IMPACT: Nothing up front, but service costs will increase over time as properties develop.

RECOMMENDATION: Modify the annexation boundary as proposed by staff.

Options:

Option	Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Reject the Notice of Intent</i>	<i>The annexation process ends and the subject property would remain in unincorporated Clark County.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Accept the Notice as submitted</i>	<i>The initiating parties would draft a petition and begin gathering signatures.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Accept the Notice but modify the boundaries.</i>	<i>The initiating parties would draft a revised petition and begin gathering signatures.</i>