

TO: City Council Worksession
FROM: Dan Smith, Water Resources & Sustainability Director
DATE: September 27, 2022
SUBJECT: Ordinance No. O2022-021: Removal of Properties from Hopkins Drainage District

1) Recommended Action:

None; this is for information only. The Public Works Committee has set a public hearing for Tuesday, October 4th for City Council to consider testimony regarding removal of all properties annexed in 2022 to the Hopkins Drainage Ditch District No. 2 and located within the boundaries of the City of Tumwater.

2) Background:

On July 9, 2022, the Hopkins Drainage District (District) convened a series of public hearings to annex 605 properties into the District, 599 of which lie within the boundary of the City of Tumwater. During these public hearings, over 47 letters of objection representing most, if not all, of the properties proposed for annexation, were reviewed and rejected by the District. The hearings closed on September 2, 2022, with the adoption of the proposed new roll for tax year 2023. The District aims to complete the annexation with a resolution to “Certify the Adopted Roll for Tax Year 2023,” on September 24, 2022.

The proposed Ordinance is authorized by RCW 85.38.217 and will remove the 599 properties located within the City of Tumwater from the District, as these properties are served by the City’s stormwater utility operating pursuant to RCW 35.67.030. This emergency ordinance is responsive to the quick timeframe necessary to counter actions taken by the District, and is dependent upon District’s proposed certification of the “Adopted Roll for Tax Year 2023.”

3) Policy Support:

- Refine and sustain a great organization – be fiscally responsible.
 - Be a leader in environmental sustainability.
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Allow the District to assess property owners within City limits.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

While it remains unclear exactly what the cost to each property in Tumwater will be as a result of the proposed action, the District has previously noted an initial assessment of \$750 for non-commercial properties, \$2,500 for commercial properties, and an on-going maintenance assessment of 10% of the initial assessment annually. The City owns two parcels within the Preserve development. The District aims to collect upwards of \$400,000 during the first year of collections.

6) Attachments:

- A. Ordinance O2022-021, Removal of City Properties from Hopkins Drainage Dist. No. 2
- B. Map of properties proposed for annexation