

TO: City Council  
FROM: Gary Cooper, Local Planning Solutions, and Brad Medrud, Planning Manager  
DATE: January 18, 2022  
SUBJECT: Tumwater Island Annexation Interlocal Agreement

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1) Recommended Action:

Review the materials, conduct a Joint Public Hearing with the Board of County Commissioners on the Tumwater Island Interlocal Agreement, and approve the Tumwater Island Annexation Interlocal Agreement.

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2) Background:

Tumwater has 12 unincorporated “islands” within the City limits. These islands were formed over the last century as annexations occurred and some parcels were left out of the annexation for one reason or another. These parcels were usually excluded because the owner did not want to annex at that time. These islands continue to exist because there was no method available to annex them without a willing owner.

The islands range in size from a single quarter acre residential lot to over a hundred acres. The largest island, Littlerock/Trosper has several hundred residents.

In 2020, the Washington Legislature enacted a new annexation process (Engrossed Senate Substitute Bill 5224) into that law specifically to address the issue of County islands, and City will be using this process for these annexations. This new legislation allows the City to annex County islands by entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the County.

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3) Policy Support:

County-Wide Planning Policy III: Promotion of Contiguous and Orderly Development, Provision of Urban Services, and Protection of Rural Areas

Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element Policy LU-2.4: Ensure new annexations adhere to the goals and policies of the City's Annexation Policy.

Under City Strategic Priority to “Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services” is a goal to “Annex the unincorporated islands to enhance public safety.”

Annexation of the islands is included in the 2021/22 budget as a goal and includes revenue from the incorporated area to provide for service needs. The City Council previously authorized consultant time to complete these island annexations.

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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Modify the Tumwater Island Annexation Interlocal Agreement and approve
  - ☐ Reject the Tumwater Island Annexation Interlocal Agreement
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5) Fiscal Notes:

This is an internally funded work program item, but the total annexation is estimated to bring about \$200,000/year in revenue to the City to cover costs in the General Fund and TMPD.

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6) Attachments:

- A. Tumwater Island Annexation Interlocal Agreement
- B. Attachment "A" Tumwater Island Annexation ILA Legal Descriptions and Maps
- C. Tumwater Islands Annexation FAQ
- D. Presentation
- E. ESSB 5522
- F. Annexation Public Contact Log
- G. Written Public Comments Received
- H. Mailing List