

TO: General Government Committee  
FROM: Brad Medrud, Community Development Director  
DATE: July 9, 2025  
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2025-011, 93rd Avenue SW and Case Road SW Annexation (TUM-25-0128)

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1) Recommended Action:

Place Resolution No. R2025-011 for the August 19, 2025, City Council meeting to allow the City Council to conduct a public hearing on the proposed annexation petitions.

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2) Background:

The owners of two properties in Tumwater's urban growth area at the northwest corner of 93rd Avenue SW and Case Road SW in unincorporated Thurston County filed petition applications under Chapter 35A.14 RCW for annexation to the City on February 5, 2025, that were deemed complete on March 18, 2025, after payment of the necessary review fees.

Because the two property owners own all the property included in the annexation area, they filed petitions representing both the ten percent and sixty percent of the value of the properties proposed for annexation. The property owners have asked that their properties be annexed into the City of Tumwater and indicated their willingness to assume their fair share of the City's indebtedness and are willing to accept the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The General Government Committee was briefed on the proposed annexation petitions at their April 15, 2025, meeting. The City Council met the petitioners and agreed to accept the proposed annexation for further processing and determined that the City will require the assumption of existing City indebtedness by the area to be annexed at their May 6, 2025 meeting. The Thurston County Assessor certified that the sixty percent petitions were legally sufficient (i.e., as having valid signatures representing the required 60 percent of the property value) on June 3, 2025.

Under RCW 35A.14.130, when a legally sufficient annexation petition is filed, the City Council may consider it by doing the following:

- Fix a date for a public hearing, and
- Provide notice specifying the time and place of the hearing and inviting interested people to appear and voice approval or disapproval of the annexation. The notice is to be:
  - Published in one or more issues of a newspaper of general circulation in the City; and
  - Posted in three public places within the territory proposed for annexation.

There are no statutory requirements concerning the actual hearing, other than to give proponents and opponents an opportunity to speak.

The General Government Committee is asked to set the date for the public hearing on the

annexation petition for the City Council's August 19, 2025, meeting.

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3) Policy Support:

Goal LU-2: Ensure development takes place in an orderly and cost-efficient manner in order to best utilize available land and public services, conserve natural resources, protect critical areas, preserve open space, and reduce sprawl.

Policy LU-2.4 Ensure new annexations adhere to the goals and policies of the City's Annexation Policy.

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4) Alternatives:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

An initial review of the fiscal impact of the proposed annexations was determined in advance of the May 6, 2025, City Council meeting.

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6) Attachments:

A. Resolution No. R2025-011