

# City of Tumwater City Council Worksession

Tumwater First 11 Islands Annexation –  
Ordinance No. O2022-001  
and  
Trosper Lake Island Annexation –  
Ordinance No. O2022-002

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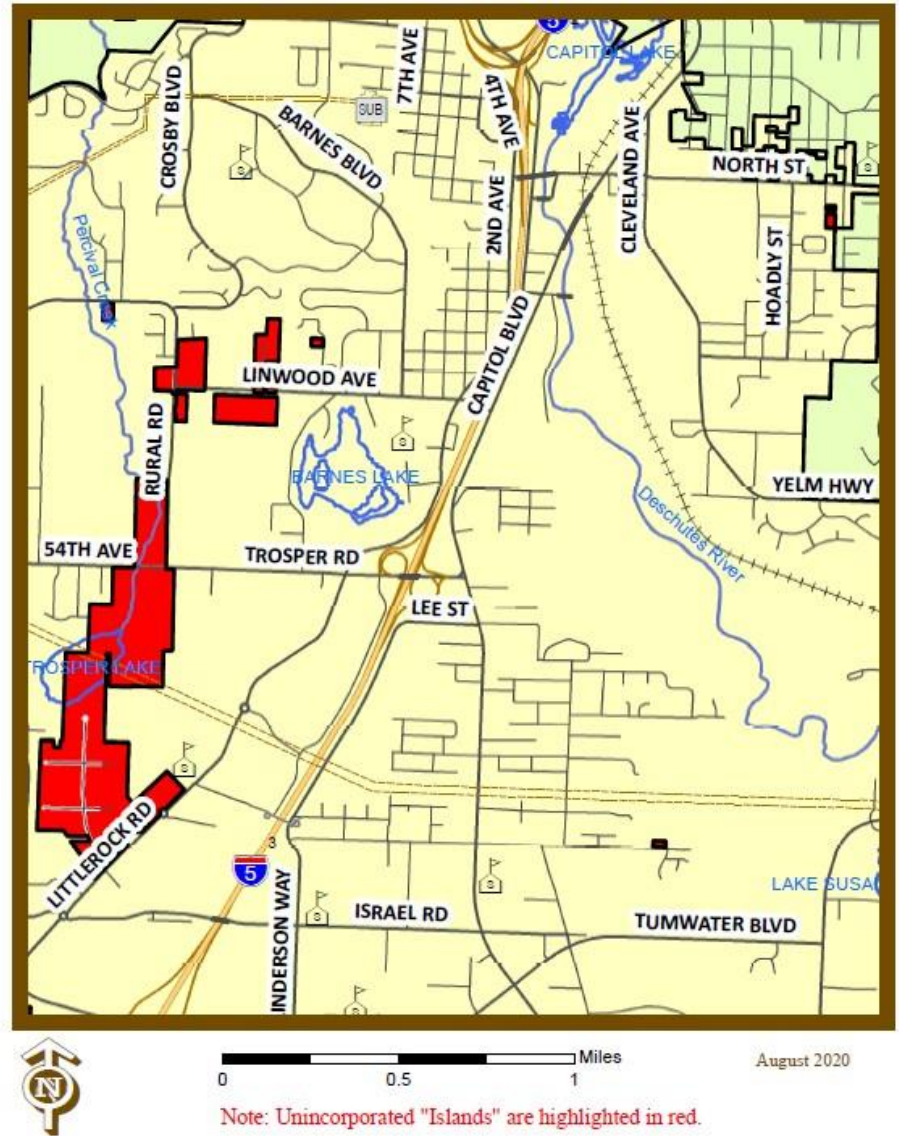
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Tumwater  
surrounds 12  
unincorporated  
County “islands”

UNINCORPORATED "ISLANDS" IN TUMWATER



## Profile of the 12 Unincorporated Islands



- 160 parcels
- 161 acres
- 7 islands have 2 lots or less
- Trooper Lake Island represents 111 parcels and 132 acres
- The First 11 Islands will be annexed by **Ordinance No. O2022-001** in May 2022
- The Trooper Lake Island will be annexed by **Ordinance No. O2022-002** in June 2022

# Strategic Priority

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The City Council has identified

*“Annex the unincorporated islands to enhance public safety”*

as one of its strategic priorities under

*“Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services”*

in **City of Tumwater Strategic Priorities 2021-2026**

# Strategic Priority & State Law

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The strategic priority to annex County islands has been on the City Council list for a number of years

However, without recent amendments to State annexation law, the annexation process for many of the islands is difficult

# Government Services

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- Police and Fire
- Roads and Stormwater
- Building and Land Use Permits
- Code Enforcement
- Separate Voter Pamphlets

# RCW 35A.14.296

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Recognizing that County islands cause inefficiencies for the delivery of public services, in 2020 the Legislature passed a new law that allows cities and counties to annex these islands through a jointly approved Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

# Legislative Findings

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*“The legislature finds that city annexations of unincorporated areas within urban growth areas will be more efficient and effective if the county and city develop a jointly approved interlocal agreement so as not to create illogical boundaries or islands of unincorporated territory.”*



# Key Milestones

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- **September 5, 2021** – McLane Black Lake Fire Department does not object to the proposed annexations
- **December 1, 2021** – Tumwater and Thurston County hold a joint Open House on the proposed annexations

# Key Milestones

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- **November and December 2021 & January 2022** – The City issues public notices to inform residents and others of:
  - The Open House
  - How to obtain a copy of the draft Interlocal Agreement
  - How to participate in the public hearing on the Interlocal Agreement

# Key Milestones

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- **January 18, 2022** – The City Council and the Board of County Commissioners hold a joint public hearing on the Interlocal Agreement
- **January 18, 2022** – The City Council approves the Interlocal Agreement
- **January 25, 2022** – The Board of County Commissioners approves the Interlocal Agreement

# Key Milestones

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- **February 16, 2022** – Notices of Intent to Annex sent to the Thurston County Boundary Review Board for a state mandated review for each annexation area
- **March 7, 2022** – The Boundary Review Board returned nine of the annexations to the City for final action after completing their 21-day period
- **April 4, 2022** – The Boundary Review Board returned the remaining three annexations to the City for final action after completing their 45-day period

# What is “Final Action?”

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- The Final Action will be if/when the City Council adopts the proposed annexation ordinance
- After the effective date of the adopted ordinance, the annexation will be complete

# What's Next?

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- **May 17, 2022** – City Council considers and approves Ordinance No. O2022-001 to annex the First 11 Islands

# What's Next?

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- **June 7, 2022** – City Council considers and approves Ordinance No. O2022-002 to annex the Trosper Lake Island

# Public Comment Opportunities

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# Resources Available

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City of Tumwater Annexation webpage has:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Pre- and post-annexation cost comparisons
- Proposed annexation area legal descriptions and maps
- Dates of upcoming meetings or events

[www.ci.Tumwater.wa.us/IslandAnnexation](http://www.ci.Tumwater.wa.us/IslandAnnexation)