



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning & Community Development **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman
ECAF: 2021-1117
Proposal: Proposed Motion 22-010 **Date:** January 10, 2022

Consideration

Proposed Motion 22-010 states that the Snohomish County Council does not oppose the Darrington Cummings Annexation and will not invoke the jurisdiction of the Boundary Review Board (BRB). It also directs the Council Clerk to file the motion together with a staff report from Snohomish County Planning and Development Services (PDS) with the BRB.

Background

The Town of Darrington seeks to annex approximately 3.61 acres of Urban Growth Area (UGA) adjacent to the southwest part of the current town boundary. This area includes 4 parcels ranging between 0.29 and 2.05 acres in size. Although Snohomish County and Darrington not have a Master Annexation Interlocal Agreement in effect, the annexation meets all applicable state requirements.

Darrington initiated the present annexation process for the area known as the “Cummings Annexation” by adopting Resolution GR 329 and submitting notice of intention with the Boundary Review Board (BRB file 07-2021)¹. PDS staff report dated December 17, 2021, describes how the annexation is consistent with the factors and objectives of the BRB, county code, the County’s Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan, the Countywide Planning Policies, and other applicable statutes.

This annexation uses the petition method (RCW 35A.14.120) which requires owners of 60% of the assessed property value in the annexation area to sign a petition of support. On May 6, 2021, the Snohomish County Assessor’s office issued a Certificate of Sufficiency stating that owners of 85.01% of the assessed value had signed the petition.

¹ The ECAF background section identifies a different BRB file number which applies to an unrelated annexation. BRB file 07-2021 is correct for this Darrington Cummings annexation.

Current Proposal

Summary: The motion states that the County Council does not oppose the annexation and directs the Council Clerk to file the motion with the BRB.

Effective Date: Date of passage

Deadline: BRB 45-day review period ends January 17, 2022

Fiscal Implications: Annual decrease of \$487 in Surface Water Management service charges at current rates

Scope: Approval of the motion and direction to the Clerk to transmit to the BRB.

Handling: Expedite

Risk Management: APPROVE

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Analysis

An affirmative vote on the motion would formalize the County Council's support for the annexation and direct staff to file the motion with the BRB. January 17, 2022 is the final day of the 45-day period during which the County may choose to invoke the jurisdiction of the BRB to hold a hearing on the annexation. If the County Council takes no action, then the annexation is valid. The proposed annexation is consistent with the MAILA and there is no known conflict with policy or other reason for the annexation to not proceed.

Request

Consideration of proposed Motion 22-010 and action by Committee of the Whole on January 10, 2022.