

RESOLUTION No. 1220 (2023)

A 2023 RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF EVERETT COMMISSION SUBMITTING A PETITION FOR AN ENLARGED PORT DISTRICT TO THE VOTERS IN THE TERRITORY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED.

WHEREAS, the Port District Act of 1911 authorized the creation of special purpose port districts to facilitate trade promotion and to foster industrial and economic development; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 1918, a petition was submitted to the voters to create a countywide port district, but that failed by a small margin; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the community was able to take advantage of war-time commerce and economic opportunities at the time, the measure was repackaged into a smaller area and resubmitted to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the current Port District voted on July 13, 1918 to create the Port of Everett with its existing boundaries, becoming the 7th port created under the 1911 Port District's Act; and

WHEREAS, the current Port District boundaries include most of the City of Everett, portions of the Cities of Marysville and Mukilteo, and parts of unincorporated Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, after the Port was formed, the armistice occurred, World War I ended, and the Port began planning for its future; and

WHEREAS, since then, the Port has become a critical part of the Snohomish County economy, operating the only international seaport and global gateway within the County; and

WHEREAS, through operation of its international seaport, the Port of Everett supports the two largest employers in Snohomish County – The Boeing Company and Naval Station Everett – and provides a critical supply chain for many key industries, including, but not limited to, aerospace, military, construction, manufacturing, agriculture, energy and forest products industries; and

WHEREAS, the Port currently operates three lines of business that serve the entirety of Snohomish County – international shipping terminals, 2,300 slip marina and 3,400 acres of real estate, of which operations support approximately 40,000 jobs in the region and counting; and

WHEREAS, the Port plays a major role in our daily lives by facilitating the efficient transport of goods and people across our community, country and the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Port supports between \$21 and \$30 billion in import/export cargo value, making it the 5th largest export district on the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, the Port plays a major role in enhancing water access, tourism, and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the topic of boundary expansion has come up many times over the course of the Port's 105 years of service as the current Port District; and

WHEREAS, the greater Snohomish County area has experienced significant growth and evolving economic needs over the past century; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is the fastest growing county in the state and only approximately 15 percent of the county has access to the resources of a port district; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the year following the Port's centennial year, the Port Commission adopted a strategic plan that called for the exploration of an expanded Port District to be better positioned to bring value and economic opportunities to other parts of the county; and

WHEREAS, RCW 53.04.080 sets forth the process of enlarging an existing port district by petition of the commissioners of the port district; and

WHEREAS, in utilizing the process described in RCW 53.04.080, the Port Commission must, on petition by resolution, submit the proposition of enlarging the limits of the existing Port District to the voters, with such petition being filed with the Snohomish County Council who then submits it to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Port has been conducting outreach with leadership of cities and communities across Snohomish County that are not currently included within a port district, and conducted a broad community survey to gauge interest in having Port of Everett's resources available to more areas of Snohomish County via an expanded Port District; and

WHEREAS, in both the briefings with community leaders and partners across Snohomish County and via the community survey, the Port heard a clear understanding of the value that the Port could bring to other areas of Snohomish County, and interest in various ways that the Port could partner in their area to support key economic and community priorities, if boundary lines were to allow; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the general community outreach, both anecdotal and through the community survey, concluded there was interest in Port resources being available to more areas of Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, the community survey results showed approximately 65% of survey respondents were very interested, interested or neutral on the topic; and

WHEREAS, based on the findings of the boundary expansion exploration effort, the Port Commission finds that now is an appropriate time to formally submit to the voters the question of enlarging the Port District to include the area as described in the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, if the voters were to approve such a proposition, the Port of Everett would then submit to the voters at the subsequent general election, as required by RCW 53.12.120, the proposition of whether or not to increase the number of Port commissioners from three to five.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF EVERETT,

1. That the following shall be submitted to the voters residing within the limits of the territory described in Exhibit A:

Enlargement of the Port of Everett to include the whole of the territory as described in the legal description contained in Exhibit A.

2. That the CEO/Executive Director shall file this Resolution with the Snohomish County Auditor, who shall then transmit the Resolution to the Snohomish County Council, who shall submit the above-described proposition to the voters at the August 2024 primary election.
3. That the CEO/Executive Director is authorized to make any corrections to Exhibit A that are necessary to ensure the proposition can be included on the ballot and that are consistent with the terms and purpose of this Resolution, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, resolution number, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

Signed  _____
Port of Everett Commission President Glen Bachman

Date: 12/19/2023

Signed Tom M. Stiger
Port of Everett Commission Vice-President Tom Stiger

Date: 12/19/23

Signed David Simpson
Port of Everett Commission Secretary David Simpson

Date: 12/19/23

Exhibit A

PORT OF EVERETT EXPANSION

(December 7, 2023)

ALL OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY WASHINGTON

EXCEPT:

CITY OF EDMONDS CITY LIMITS

ALL OF THE EDMONDS CITY LIMITS AS OF DECEMBER 2023. THIS INCLUDES ALL 108 ANNEXATION ORDINANCES UP THROUGH CITY OF EDMONDS ORDINANCE NUMBER 3273 EFFECTIVE DATE NOVEMBER 1, 1999 AND CITY OF EDMONDS ORDINANCE NUMBER 1533 EFFECTIVE DATE MARCH 1, 2000.

AND EXCEPT:

TOWN OF WOODWAY

ALL OF THE TOWN OF WOODWAY CITY LIMITS AS OF DECEMBER 2023.

AND EXCEPT:

PORT OF EDMONDS LIMITS

ALL OF THE PORT OF EDMONDS DISTRICTS 1 THROUGH 3 AS OF DECEMBER 2023 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

DISTRICT 1

STARTING AT THE INTERSECTION OF CASPERS ST AND 9TH AVE N.

SOUTH ON 9TH AVE TO 220TH ST.

DUE WEST ON EXTENSION OF 220TH ST TO ELM ST AND 8TH AVE S.

SOUTH ON 8TH AVE S TO 15TH ST SW.

WESTERLY ON 15TH ST SW TO EDMONDS WAY.

SOUTHEASTERLY ON EDMONDS WAY TO 102ND PL W.

SOUTHERLY ON 102ND PL W AND TO THE WOODWAY CAMPUS NORTHERLY EAST/WEST DRIVEWAY, ABOUT 232ND ST SW.

EASTERLY ON THE WOODWAY CAMPUS NORTHERN DRIVE TO 100TH AVE W.

NORTH ON 100TH AVE W TO EDMONDS WAY.

MEANDERING EASTERLY ON EDMONDS WAY TO THE PORT DISTRICT OUTLINE.

NORTH AND SOUTHWESTERLY ON THE PORT DISTRICT OUTLINE TO THE EXTENSION OF CASPER ST.

EASTERLY ON CASPERS ST TO THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING.

DISTRICT 2

STARTING AT THE INTERSECTION OF CASPERS ST AND 9TH AVE.

SOUTH ON 9TH AVE TO 220TH ST.

DUE WEST ON EXTENSION OF 220TH ST TO ELM ST AND 8TH AVE S.

SOUTH ON 8TH AVE S TO 15TH ST SW.

WESTERLY ON 15TH ST SW TO 226TH ST SW.

WESTERLY ON 226TH ST SW TO THE EXTENSION OF 5TH AVE S.

NORTH ON EXTENSION AND 5TH AVE S TO PINE ST.

WEST ON PINE ST TO THE 2020 CENSUS CITY LIMITS OF EDMONDS.

WESTERLY ON THE 2020 CENSUS CITY LIMITS OF EDMONDS INTO PUGET SOUND AND THE PORT DISTRICT OUTLINE.

NORTHERLY ON THE PORT DISTRICT OUTLINE TO THE EXTENSION OF CASPER ST.

EASTERLY ON CASPER ST TO THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING.

DISTRICT 3

STARTING AT THE INTERSECTION OF EDMONDS WAY AND 100TH AVE W.

SOUTH ON 100TH AVE W TO THE NORTHERN PARKING ENTRANCE FOR WOODWAY CAMPUS.

WESTERLY ON WOODWAY CAMPUS NORTHERLY PARKING DRIVE TO 102ND PL W.

NORTHERLY ON 102ND PL W TO EDMONDS WAY.

NORTHWESTERLY ON EDMONDS WAY TO 226TH ST SW.

WESTERLY ON 226TH ST SW TO THE EXTENSION OF 5TH AVE S.

NORTH ON EXTENSION AND 5TH AVE S TO PINE ST.

WEST ON PINE ST TO THE 2020 CENSUS CITY LIMITS OF EDMONDS.

WESTERLY ON THE 2020 CENSUS CITY LIMITS OF EDMONDS INTO PUGET SOUND AND THE PORT DISTRICT OUTLINE.

SOUTHERLY, EAST, AND NORTH ON THE PORT DISTRICT OUTLINE TO EDMONDS WAY.

MEANDERING NORTHWESTERLY ON EDMONDS WAY TO THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING.

AND EXCEPT:

ALL THAT PORTION OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY SURROUNDED BY BOTH THE EDMONDS CITY LIMITS AND PORT OF EDMONDS.

SITUATE IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON.