

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-33

A RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE ANNEXATION OF THE GENEVA/IDAHO SITE LOCATED IN BELLINGHAM'S GENEVA URBAN GROWTH AREA (UGA) TO THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM.

WHEREAS, according to RCW 35.13.125 not less than ten percent of the residents of an area to be annexed or the owners of not less than ten percent in property value, according to the assessed valuation for general taxation of the property for which annexation is petitioned, shall notify the legislative body of the city or town in writing of their intention to commence annexation proceedings; and

WHEREAS, under RCW 35.13.125, the legislative body is to hold a meeting not later than sixty days after the filing of the petition with the initiating parties to determine whether the city would accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation, whether it shall require the simultaneous adoption of the comprehensive plan, and whether it shall require the assumption of all or any portion of existing city indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation area is located in the Geneva Urban Growth Area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation area is approximately 5.7 acres located adjacent to the City's Silver Beach Neighborhood on three sides, generally east of Kansas, Idaho, and Fraser Streets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation area is located in the Lake Whatcom and Whatcom Creek watersheds; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2009, Dennis Shoff, agent for the property owners, submitted a ten percent petition to annex the subject property known as Geneva/Idaho Annexation to the City of Bellingham; and

WHEREAS, the petition represents 58.5 percent in property value, according to the assessed valuation for general taxation of the property for which annexation is petitioned, as shown in Exhibit A; and;

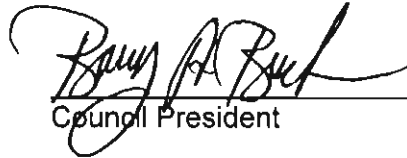
WHEREAS, on August 4, 2009, the petitioners held a Neighborhood meeting regarding the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, the Bellingham City Council held a meeting on October 19, 2009 to determine whether the City would accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation, whether it shall require the simultaneous adoption of new comprehensive plan and zoning designations, and whether it shall require the assumption of all or any portion of existing city indebtedness;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

1. The City accepts the ten percent petition to annex to the City of Bellingham for further evaluation in accordance with City regulations and State law with the proposed annexation boundary as shown on Exhibit A;
2. City staff is directed to provide additional information regarding the proposed annexation, including an evaluation of the potential benefits and service impacts of the proposed annexation; and
3. If the annexation is approved, the City will require simultaneous adoption of new comprehensive plan, zoning and development regulations consistent with Bellingham's Comprehensive Plan and require the annexed area to assume its fair share of the City's indebtedness.

PASSED by the Council this 19th day of October, 2009.



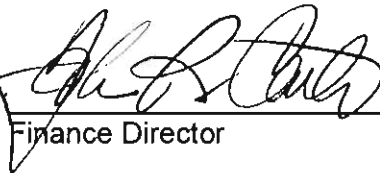
Council President

APPROVED by me this 28th day of October, 2009.



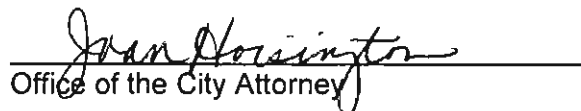
Mayor

ATTEST



Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

Geneva / Idaho St. Annexation

Location - MAP 1

EXHIBIT A



City of Bellingham
Planning & Community
Development Department, 2009

