RESOLUTION NO. R2018-97
A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Initiating Negotiations of an
Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tacoma Regarding the
Annexation of the Unincorporated Area Referred to as
Manitou; and Directing the Planning and Public Works
Department to Conduct a Public Hearing Jointly with the City
of Tacoma for the Purpose of Soliciting Public Comment
Regarding the Potential Annexation.

Whereas, the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) was created in 1992 by
an interlocal agreement among the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce
County, and charged with responsibilities, including but not limited to promoting
intergovernmental cooperation and facilitating compliance with the Growth Management
Act and the Multi-County Planning Policies; and

Whereas, the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) are written
policy statements which are to be used solely for establishing a countywide framework
from which the County and County municipal comprehensive plans are developed and
adopted; and

Whereas, the Pierce County CPPs direct the County to consult with its Cities and
Towns and designate Potential Annexation Areas (PAAs) through the County
Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, the Pierce County CPPs identify unincorporated "islands" as the
County's highest priority for annexation; and

Whereas, Pierce County adopted an updated Pierce County Comprehensive
Plan through Ordinance No. 2015-40 on August 28, 2015; and

Whereas, the 2015 Comprehensive Plan contains policies that direct the County
to promote annexation of PAAs; and

Whereas, the 2015 Comprehensive Plan contains Policy LU-4.1.2 that states,
"The County's highest priority for annexation are unincorporated islands between cities
and towns."; and

Whereas, the 2015 Comprehensive Plan update designated certain
unincorporated urban areas as PAAs; and
Whereas, the 2015 Comprehensive Plan designated the unincorporated Manitou area as a Tacoma PAA; and

Whereas, the unincorporated Manitou area is an unincorporated "island" between the City of University Place and City of Tacoma; and

Whereas, RCW 35A.14.460 allows Pierce County to enter into an interlocal agreement with a city to annex an area within its PAA when at least 60 percent of the boundary is contiguous with a city; and

Whereas, the unincorporated Manitou area meets the requirements of RCW 35.14.460; and

Whereas, a public meeting was held on May 14, 2018, to present information relevant to annexation of the unincorporated Manitou area into the City of Tacoma to residents, business owners, and property owners; and

Whereas, RCW 35.14.460 (1) allows either the legislative body of a county or code city to initiate an annexation process by adopting a resolution commencing negotiations for an interlocal annexation agreement; and

Whereas, if the City and the County reach such an agreement, RCW 35A.14.460 requires a public hearing to be held by each legislative body, separately or jointly, before the interlocal agreement is executed; and

Whereas, RCW 35A.14.460 requires that each legislative body holding a public hearing shall, separately or jointly, publish the interlocal agreement at least once a week for two weeks before the date of the hearing in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the territory proposed for annexation; and

Whereas, the County Council shall take future action to acknowledge its approval of the resulting interlocal agreement and authorizing the Pierce County Executive to execute the agreement; Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Pierce County:

Section 1. The Pierce County Council hereby requests the Pierce County Executive to initiate negotiations with the City of Tacoma regarding the annexation of the unincorporated area referred to as Manitou which is illustrated in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
Section 2. The Pierce County Council directs the Pierce County Planning and Public Works Department to hold a public meeting jointly with the City of Tacoma during the period of negotiations to provide residents, business owners, and property owners with updated information and solicit feedback.

ADOPTED this _____ day of ________________, 2018.

ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

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Denise D. Johnson     Douglas G. Richardson
Clerk of the Council  Council Chair