



## Manitou Annexation Update

October 20, 2022

To Residents, Property Owners and Stakeholders of the Manitou Area:

I would like to provide you with an update of the proposed annexation of the Manitou Potential Annexation Area, which is an unincorporated Pierce County “island” located near 66<sup>th</sup> Street W. and Lakewood Drive W. and surrounded by the cities of Tacoma and University Place. (Area map attached).

### Status of Annexation:

We are now anticipating the Manitou Annexation to happen in spring-summer 2023 (effective date to be determined). There has been a change to the previously anticipated timeline of "fall 2022 to winter 2023." Negotiations among responsible parties of Pierce County and the City of Tacoma for the transition of various municipal services have been progressing well, but need additional time to complete, hence the pushback in the annexation timeline.



### Background:

Pierce County and the City of Tacoma have been working collaboratively on the planned annexation of the Manitou Potential Annexation Area. The annexation is required by the State Growth Management Act, to ensure the area’s urban development is properly supported by urban governmental services.

The annexation is carried out through the Interlocal Annexation Agreement method, pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.13.470, because the Manitou Area meets the following criteria: (a) it is a designated Urban Growth Area of Tacoma, and (b) more than 60% of its boundaries are contiguous to Tacoma.

The County and the City have entered into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) in December 2021, affirming our commitment to making the annexation happen. The ILA also includes a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to ensure the transition of governmental services from the County to the City, upon the area’s annexation, is carried out effectively and smoothly.

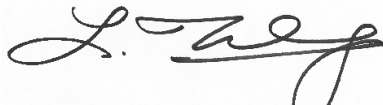
**Next Steps:**

<b>Timeline (Tentative)</b>	<b>Actions</b>
Fall 2022 – Winter 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• County and City completing negotiations of service transitions</li></ul>
Winter-Spring 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City Council approving service transitions agreements</li><li>• City Council adopting Annexation Ordinance to fix the Annexation Effective Date (per RCW 35.13.470)</li></ul>
Spring 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Annexation Ordinance is subject to referendum (if timely and properly petitioned) for 45 days after passage (per RCW 35.13.480)</li></ul>
Annexation Effective Date (in Spring-Summer 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annexation becomes effective (if no referendum)</li></ul>
Summer 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transitions of services</li><li>• Notifications to affected parties</li></ul>

**For More Information:**

For more information about the Manitou Annexation, please visit [www.cityoftacoma.org/Manitou](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Manitou) (or Google search: “Manitou Annexation”).

Regards,



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