Potential Annexation of Manitou to Tacoma

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Welcome!

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Why are we here?

- Discuss potential annexation of Manitou
- Review the possible path forward
- Get your initial feedback (identifying issues)
Unincorporated Manitou “Island”
What is Annexation?

- Process of transferring land from one jurisdiction to another
- Manitou “Island” becoming part of City of Tacoma
Pierce County and Annexation

UNINCORPORATED URBAN GROWTH AREA GOAL AND POLICIES

**Goal:** All unincorporated lands within the urban growth area will either annex into existing cities or incorporate as new cities.

**MPP-DP-18:** Affiliate all urban unincorporated lands appropriate for annexation with an adjacent city or identify those that may be feasible for incorporation. To fulfill the regional growth strategy, annexation is preferred over incorporation.

**MPP-DP-19:** Support joint planning between cities and counties to work cooperatively in planning for urban unincorporated areas to ensure an orderly transition to city governance, including efforts such as: (a) establishing urban development standards, (b) addressing service and infrastructure financing, and (c) transferring permitting authority.

**MPP-DP-20:** Support the provision and coordination of urban services to unincorporated urban areas by the adjacent city or, where appropriate, by the county as an interim approach.

ANNEXATION AND URBAN GROWTH AREA EXPANSION

**GOAL LU-1** Promote the annexation of adjacent unincorporated urban areas by the neighboring city or town.

- **LU-1.1** Pierce County shall encourage annexation of adjacent unincorporated urban areas by neighboring cities and towns through outreach to residents, land owners, and other stakeholders.

**GOAL LU-2** All unincorporated urban areas within the urban growth area shall be either be affiliated with neighboring cities and towns as Potential Annexation Areas (PAAs) or identified as potential areas to be incorporated.

- **LU-2.1** Overlapping PAAs are not encouraged but may exist where two or more jurisdictions have mutual interest in an area.

- **LU-2.2** Any modification to an established PAA shall not result in an unincorporated urban *island* that is not affiliated with any city or town.

- **LU-2.3** The preference is for unincorporated urban areas to be affiliated with neighboring cities or towns rather than being identified as a potential area for incorporation.
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City of Tacoma’s Annexation Policies:

– Accommodating growth and development with urban facilities and services
– Consistent with State and regional policies
– Joint planning
– Active participation by affected parties
What could change?

Public Services
- Tacoma Public Libraries
- Police and Fire Departments
- Addresses
  ...and more (see fact sheet)

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- Property taxes
- Utility rates & fees
- Business Licenses and taxes

Government Representation
- County Council D4 and City Council D5
Partnership

You
Annexation Agreement Process and Involvement Opportunities

- **Community Meeting**
  - May 14

- **City + County Initiates Annexation**
  - June

- **City + County Negotiates Agreement**
  - July-Sep

- **City + County Approve Agreement**
  - October

- **Voters may petition for referendum**
  - …45 days…

- **Tacoma Formally Annexes Manitou**
  - December

*Involvement opportunities highlighted*
Questions?

Comments...

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