



June 16, 2021

Residents, Property Owners and Stakeholders of the Manitou Area:

You are cordially invited to attend a community meeting concerning the proposed annexation of the Manitou Area. At the meeting, you will receive an update of the planning efforts by the City of Tacoma and Pierce County for the annexation, ask questions and provide feedback, and learn how to get involved in the next steps.

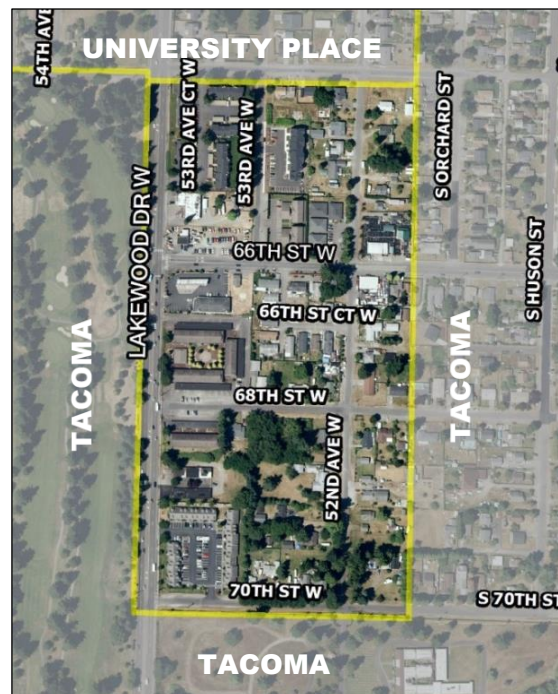
## Community Meeting – Proposed Annexation of the Manitou Area

Wednesday,  
June 30, 2021  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

To join the virtual meeting, visit:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85892085199>

or dial:  
253-215-8782

Webinar ID:  
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### Where is the Manitou Area?

The Manitou Area is located in unincorporated Pierce County, abutting the southwest corner of the City of Tacoma, and generally bounded by 64<sup>th</sup> St. W., Lakewood Dr. W., 70<sup>th</sup> St. W., and the County-City borderline to the east of 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W.

### What's going on there?

The City of Tacoma has been working with Pierce County to plan for the annexation of the Manitou Area. Annexation is the process of transferring land from one jurisdiction to another. In this case, the Manitou Area is proposed to be annexed into Tacoma, allowing residents and businesses access to municipal services and public decision-making that currently rests with the County.

The 37-acre Manitou Area is designated in both the County's and the City's Comprehensive Plans as a Potential Annexation Area. As such, its annexation to the City is expected and required by the State Growth Management Act, to ensure its urban development is appropriately supported by urban governmental services. The annexation will be carried out through the Interlocal Annexation Agreement method as required by State laws (i.e., RCW 35.13.470 and .480).

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### **When is the annexation going to happen?**

Probably by the end of 2021; we need to go through the following next steps (tentative):

1. City-County Negotiation of Interlocal Annexation Agreement (ILA) (nearly completed)
2. County Council and City Council Public Hearings on ILA (Summer 2021)
3. City Council Adoption of ILA and Annexation Ordinance (Summer 2021)
4. 60-day Notice to Utilities and Stakeholders (Fall 2021)
5. Annexation Effective (End of 2021)

### **What would change (How would I be impacted) upon annexation?**

Generally speaking, there would be no change to the school district, providers of utilities (Electric, Natural Gas, Water, and Wastewater) or zip code (98467).

There will be changes in Local Government Administration, Police and Fire, Taxes and Fees, Utility Services and Rates, Roads and Traffic Controls, Parks and Recreation, Addresses, and Land Use and Zoning.

There will be new services available, including Elected Representative (City Council District 5), Neighborhood Council Program (South Tacoma Neighborhood Council), Tacoma Public Library (South Tacoma Branch), and the Customer Support Center (TacomaFIRST 311).

### **How do I express my support for or concern about the annexation?**

You can provide testimony at the City or County public hearings (to be scheduled) on the Interlocal Annexation Agreement, or provide comments at the City Council meetings (to be scheduled) when the Annexation Ordinance is considered for adoption. There is also a referendum process allowed by the state law that is available for eligible voters of the area, if properly petitioned, to determine if the Annexation Ordinance should be approved.

### **Where/How can I get more information?**

You can visit the City's or the County's project website:

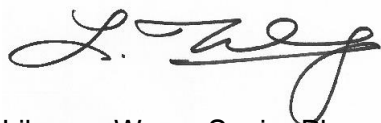
- City – [www.cityoftacoma.org/Manitou](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Manitou)
- County – [www.piercecountywa.org/Annexation](http://www.piercecountywa.org/Annexation)

You can also contact the key staff at the City or the County:

- City – Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, [lwung@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:lwung@cityoftacoma.org)
- County – Dan Cardwell, Long Range Planning Supervisor, [dan.cardwell@ Piercecountywa.gov](mailto:dan.cardwell@ Piercecountywa.gov)

We look forward to seeing you and hearing from you at the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Regards,



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