

November 6, 2012

Ballot Title:

City of Monroe
Proposition No. 1

Roosevelt Ridge Annexation Proposal

The Monroe City Council has authorized an election on the proposed annexation of an area of unincorporated Snohomish County known as the Roosevelt Ridge Annexation Area.

Shall the Roosevelt Ridge Annexation Area be annexed to the City of Monroe subject to zoning regulations as provided in Ordinance No. 010/2012, and upon annexation shall the property within such area assume a proportionate share of the City's then-outstanding indebtedness and be assessed and taxed at the same rate and upon the same basis as property within the City?

For annexation and assumption of indebtedness
Against annexation and assumption of indebtedness

Explanatory Statement:

City of Monroe Proposition No. 1 concerns the proposed annexation of the Roosevelt Ridge Annexation Area, an area of unincorporated Snohomish County comprised of approximately 264 acres and located contiguous with the City's boundaries.

By passing Resolution No. 2012/012, the Monroe City Council has authorized annexation of the Roosevelt Ridge Annexation Area into the City of Monroe in accordance with the election process set forth at RCW 35A.14.015 *et seq.* If Proposition No. 1 is approved by the voters, the Roosevelt Ridge Annexation Area will be annexed into the City of Monroe and will be subject to the pre-annexation UR9600 and UR6000 zoning classifications established for the area by Ordinance No. 010/2012. Upon annexation, all property within the Roosevelt Ridge Annexation Area will also be assessed and taxed at the same rate and on the same basis as property within the City of Monroe, and will assume a proportionate share of the City's existing indebtedness.

Pro Statement:

Have more say in Monroe city politics: by voting **YES** you will be able to elect Monroe city council members, the Mayor, in addition to all elected positions you currently choose for your county. **Finally, YOU will have a voice in your local (Monroe) government!**

By voting '**YES**' for annexation -

- your area **remains** in the Snohomish School District
- your water will **still be** provided by Roosevelt Water Association
- your **current** private septic systems remain intact
- your fire safety **will continue** to be provided by Monroe Fire District 3
- you **acquire** Monroe city services including police, street and storm water maintenance, **AND**
- **City of Monroe taxes are estimated at the same or lower than current county taxation rates**

If you already tell people you live in Monroe, vote **'YES'** for annexation and reap the benefits that current residents enjoy, while maintaining those benefits that are important to you.

Pro committee members:

Patsy Cudaback

Con Statement:

As 25 year residents of the proposed Roosevelt Ridge annexation we see absolutely no advantage to becoming part of the city of Monroe. Police protection by the Snohomish County Sheriff has been prompt. Fire protection would remain as is, and the children living here would attend the same schools.

Families living in the proposed annexation chose to build homes here for several reasons ... location, large lots, the forest, and the wildlife. Monroe wants to change all of this with a zoning code that allows six homes per acre.

If annexed Monroe will impose taxes of 6% to phone, electric, and natural gas bills. Monroe will charge a 10% tax on our water bill, even though they have nothing to do with the Roosevelt Water Association. These new taxes would be subject to increases at any time.

We would assume all debt that has been previously approved by voters or city government.

The Monroe City Council and city of Monroe officials have recently demonstrated their ability to rewrite comprehensive plans and attempt to change zoning codes at the request of special interest groups. This behavior fortifies our belief that there is no benefit to being residents of Monroe.

Annexation into Monroe for the Roosevelt Ridge residents would not only be costly financially, but our quality of life would be lost forever.

PLEASE VOTE **NO** TO ANNEXATION.

Con committee members:

Scott Chenoweth, Sue Klinker

Rebuttal of Con Statement:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Pro Statement:

Just say **NO** to over crowded building lots in our rural residential area.

Just say **NO** to additional taxation by the City of Monroe for services we already have.

Just say **NO** to a City Council and city officials who alter zoning codes and comprehensive plans at will.

Just say **NO** to "estimated" Monroe property taxes when our property values change.

Just say **NO** to Annexation.