



## HEARING

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2 On June 27, 2011, a quorum of the Board held a public hearing in public  
3 meeting room #2 on the first floor of the Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000  
4 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA. Notice of the hearing was given pursuant to  
5 RCW 36.93.160. During the hearing, the Board heard testimony from  
6 representatives of the City of Bothell, Snohomish County, Fire District No. 1, and  
7 members of the public. The Board considered all written material and other  
8 evidence that was timely submitted to the Board, including but not limited to the  
9 notice of intention and attachments, supplemental documentation submitted by the  
10 City of Bothell, written submittal from Fire District No. 1, material from Snohomish  
11 County, and items submitted by citizens who testified as well as those citizens  
12 unable to attend.  
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14 Following closure of the public hearing, the Board deliberated in open  
15 session. After discussing the annexation proposal, pertinent testimony, and other  
16 evidence in the record, the Board reached a 4:0 decision to approve the  
17 annexation.  
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19 On July 13, 2011, the Board met again at the same location to enter and file  
20 its written decision as set forth herein.

21 In approving the annexation proposal, the Board, as discussed more fully  
22 below, considered all of the factors identified in RCW 36.93.170 and the objectives  
23 stated in RCW 36.93.180, and determined that its decision is consistent with the  
24 Growth Management Act as required by RCW 36.93.157.  
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A. FACTORS

The Board considered all of the factors identified in RCW 36.93.170.

Sufficient evidence was presented to assure that public safety services, both police and fire, would be provided. The City has provided evidence which demonstrates that public safety service levels would remain the same or improve.

The City has carefully considered and addressed the effect of the proposal on adjacent areas, on mutual economic and social interests, and on local governmental structure within the county. The Notice of Intention and other evidence filed herein demonstrates how the City would discharge its economic and fiscal responsibility to provide urban level services to the proposed area.

Applicable interlocal agreements have been achieved with respect to the financing of solid waste services. The City and Snohomish County have a Master Annexation Interlocal Agreement. The City and Fire District No. 7 have also reached agreement. Discussions are ongoing with Fire District No. 1.

B. OBJECTIVES

The Board considered each of the nine (9) objectives set forth in RCW 36.93.180, whether each objective is applicable to this annexation, and, if so, whether it would be hindered or furthered.

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1           1.     Preservation of Natural Neighborhoods and Communities. This  
2 objective is furthered. Specifically, the proposal maintains natural neighborhoods  
3 and communities.

4           2.     Use of Physical Boundaries, Including But Not Limited to Bodies of  
5 Water, Highways, and Land Contours. This objective is furthered. Specifically, the  
6 boundaries encompass nearly the entire Bothell MUGA utilizing physical  
7 boundaries where possible.

8           3.     Creation and Preservation of Logical Service Areas. This objective is  
9 furthered. Specifically, a more logical service area is created by annexing nearly  
10 the entire Bothell MUGA.

11           4.     Prevention of Abnormally Irregular Boundaries. This objective is  
12 furthered. Specifically, it brings in nearly the entire Bothell MUGA thus preventing  
13 any irregular boundaries.

14           5.     Discouragement of Multiple Incorporations of Small Cities and  
15 Encouragement of Incorporation of Cities in Excess of Ten Thousand Population in  
16 Heavily Populated Urban Areas. This objective does not apply.

17           6.     Dissolution of Inactive Special Purpose Districts. This objective does  
18 not apply.

19           7.     Adjustment of Impractical Boundaries. This objective is furthered.  
20 Specifically, the proposal forms a practical boundary encompassing nearly the  
21 entire Bothell MUGA.

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1           8.     Annexation to Cities of Unincorporated Areas Which Are Urban in  
2 Character. This objective is furthered. Specifically, much of the area is already  
3 urban in character.

4           9.     Protection of Agricultural and Rural Lands. This objective does not  
5 apply.

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7 C. GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT

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9           RCW 36.93.157 requires that the Board's decision be consistent with the  
10 following sections of the Growth Management Act: RCW 36.70A.020 (GMA  
11 planning goals); RCW 36.70A.110 (county's designation of urban growth areas and  
12 potential annexation areas); RCW 36.70A.210 (county-wide planning policies).

13           All GMA planning goals were discussed and considered either during public  
14 testimony, deliberation, or as part of the written documentation. The Board's  
15 decision to approve the annexation is consistent with RCW 36.70A.020(1)  
16 because urban services will be provided in an efficient manner, RCW  
17 36.70A.020(2) because sprawl will be reduced, RCW 36.70A.020(3) efficient  
18 multimodal transportation systems will be encouraged, RCW 36.70A.020(4)  
19 because the availability of affordable housing will be encouraged, RCW  
20 36.70A.020(5) because economic development consistent with adopted  
21 comprehensive plans will be encouraged, RCW 36.70A.020(7) because permit  
22 application for both state and local governments will be processed in a timely and  
23 fair manner to ensure predictability, RCW 36.70A.020(9) because open space and  
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1 recreation will be encouraged, RCW 36.70A.020(10) because the environment will  
2 be protected and enhanced, RCW 36.70A.020(11) because the City did perform a  
3 comprehensive citizen participation effort designed to inform the public about the  
4 annexation and its effect on the residents in the proposed annexation area, and  
5 with RCW 36.70A.020(12) because the City has assured through long-term  
6 planning, concurrency reviews, mutual-aid agreements, and budgeting that a  
7 similar or better level of public safety service can be provided.  
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9 The decision is consistent with RCW 36.70A.110 in that the annexation  
10 proposal is within Snohomish County's Southwest County UGA and within the  
11 adopted MUGA for the City. The decision is consistent with RCW 36.70A.210 in  
12 that the annexation proposal is generally consistent with Snohomish County  
13 county-wide planning policies OD-1 (promoting development within urban growth  
14 areas); OD-2 (allowing development within the incorporated and unincorporated  
15 portions of the UGA); and OD-9 (developing comprehensive plans, policies, and  
16 development regulations providing for the orderly transition of unincorporated to  
17 incorporated areas within UGAs).  
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## 20 DECISION

21 **NOW THEREFORE**, the Board finds:

- 22 1. The jurisdiction of the Board was properly invoked and the Board has  
23 jurisdiction over this matter.  
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1 2. The objectives of RCW 36.93.180 would be furthered by the  
2 proposal.

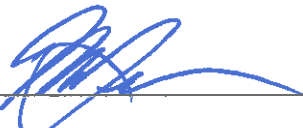
3 3. Consideration of all factors outlined in RCW 36.93.170 indicates the  
4 proposal provides for public facilities and services.

5 4. A decision to approve the proposed annexation is consistent with  
6 RCW 36.70A.020, RCW 36.70A.110 and RCW 36.70.210.


7 Based upon the above, a motion was made, seconded, and passed on a  
8 vote of 4 to 0 to **APPROVE** the City of Bothell's NEWBA II Annexation as  
9 submitted.  
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11 Adopted by the Washington State Boundary Review Board for Snohomish  
12 County by a vote of 3 to 0 this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.  
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14 WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD  
15 FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
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19 MARK T. BEALES, CHAIR

20 FILED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.  
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24 Marsha Carlsen, Chief Clerk  
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NOTICE

Pursuant to RCW 36.93.160(5), this decision shall be final and conclusive unless within thirty (30) days from the date of this decision a governmental unit affected by the decision or any person owning real property or residing in the area affected by the decision files a notice of appeal in the Superior Court.

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