



King County

Metropolitan King County Council

STAFF REPORT

Proposed No.:	2022-0228	Name:	Andy Micklow
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SUBJECT

Proposed Ordinance 2022-0228 would approve an annexation of approximately 2.33 acres of land into the Covington Water District, known as the Station by Vintage Annexation, for the purpose of water service.

SUMMARY

Proposed Ordinance 2022-0228 would approve the Station by Vintage Annexation into the Covington Water District. Council action on an annexation into a water district is required, subject to criteria found in state law. The Utilities Technical Review Committee (UTRC) has found that the District's comprehensive plan meets this criteria.

BACKGROUND

Covington Water District (the District) provides water service in southeast King County within Council District 9, and provides water services to the City of Covington and portions of the Maple Valley and Black Diamond, along with areas of unincorporated King County.

The proposed annexation was initiated by property owner petition under the statutory provisions of RCW 57.24.070. Annexation into the District will allow for safe and reliable water service to the annexed properties. The District approved the annexation on September 8, 2020. The Notice of Intention was filed with the Council on May 9, 2022.

ANALYSIS

Under RCW 57.02.040(3), when reviewing the annexation, the Council is required to consider three criteria:

- (a) Whether the proposed action in the area under consideration is in compliance with the development program that is outlined in the county comprehensive plan, or city or town comprehensive plan where appropriate, and its supporting documents;
- (b) Whether the proposed action in the area under consideration is in compliance with the basinwide water and/or sewage plan as approved by the state department of ecology and the state department of social and health services; and

(c) Whether the proposed action is in compliance with the policies expressed in the county plan for water and/or sewage facilities.

When the UTRC reviewed the District's water plan, which was ultimately approved by Council in 2016,¹ their review included consideration of these criteria. While the review of the plan did not look at a specific annexation, at a planning level, the UTRC found that the District's plan met these criteria. KCC 13.24.010(A)(2) requires comprehensive plans for water districts be adopted by the District and approved by the King County Council as a prerequisite for Council approval of annexation proposals. That requirement is satisfied with the current District plan.

¹ Ordinance 18435