



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into interlocal agreement with the city of Renton relating to the annexation of the Benson Hill Communities Potential Annexation Areas and transferring certain surface water and parks facilities and property interests to the city.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County's Annexation Initiative encourages the expedited annexation of all remaining urban unincorporated areas in order to achieve both financial stability in the current expense fund, and the regional land use vision set forth in the countywide planning policies.
2. The city of Renton has several large Potential Annexation Area ("PAAs"), located to the east, west and south of the city with an estimated combined population of over sixty thousand residents.
3. A group of residents living in the portion of the Fairwood PAA to the west and south of the Fairwood Community PAA, known as the Benson Hill Communities PAA, initiated the process of annexation with the city of Renton by submitting a petition to the Renton City Council requesting an annexation elections be placed on the ballot.
4. The city intends to seek approval of the residents of the Benson Hill Communities PAA to annex this area, by ballot proposition at the 2007 General Election on November 6, 2007, for an effective date, if approved by the voters, of March 1, 2008.
5. To facilitate the transition of local government services delivery in the Benson Hill

Communities PAA and complete the transfer of local surface water management facilities and properties located within the PAA upon annexation to the city, the city and county wish to enter into an interlocal agreement which addresses transfer of public records and transfer of ownership of surface water management and local parks facilities and properties among other matters.

6. Consistent with council Motion 12018, the agreement proposes the transfer of annexation incentive reserve funds to the city if the annexation is approved by the voters and accepted by the city, in the amount of \$950,000 from the general fund annexation incentive reserve and \$250,000 real estate excise tax II annexation incentive reserve, plus a commitment to complete road overlay improvements in the PAA before annexation in an amount of \$500,000.

7. The agreement conditions \$300,000 of the general fund annexation incentive funding transferred to the city on the successful adoption of an interlocal agreement between the city of Renton and the Renton School District providing for the transfer of ownership upon annexation of the Renton pool at Lindberg High School from the county to the school district.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The county executive is hereby authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, with the city of Renton to provide for the transition of governmental services and property in the event of annexation, including, but not limited to, the transfer of \$950,000 annexation incentive funding from the general fund annexation incentive reserves; \$250,000 annexation incentive funding from the real estate excise tax II annexation incentive reserve; provision of \$500,000 of road overlay improvements in the areas to be annexed; and to transfer the facilities and properties as referenced therein.

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