



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into interlocal agreement with the city of Auburn relating to the annexation of the Lea Hill and West Hill potential annexation areas and transferring certain surface water 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 Auburn has two large potential annexation areas ("PAAs"), Lea Hill which is located to the east of the city with an estimated population of over ten thousand four hundred residents, and West Hill located to the west of the city with an estimated population of four thousand six hundred residents.
3. The city intends to seek approval of the residents of the Lea Hill and West Hill PAAs to annex these areas, by two separate ballot propositions at an election in 2007 for an effective date, if approved by the voters, of January 1, 2008.
4. To facilitate the transition of local government services delivery in the Lea Hill and West Hill PAAs and complete the transfer of local surface water management facilities and properties located within the PAAs 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 facilities and properties among other matters.

5. The city has heretofore taken ownership of former local county park properties located in the Lea Hill PAA and there are no local county park properties in the West Hill PAA.

8. 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 \$1,250,000 from the general fund annexation incentive reserve, plus a commitment to complete road overlay improvements in the PAAs prior to annexation in an amount of \$500,000.

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 Auburn to provide for the transition of governmental services and property in the event of annexation, including but not limited to the transfer of \$1,250,000 annexation incentive funding from the general fund annexation incentive reserves; provision of \$500,000 of road overlay improvements in the areas to be annexed; and to transfer the surface water drainage facilities and greenbelt properties as referenced therein.

10 days prior, Seattle Times

news release