

Non-Election Petition Method Annexations – Water Sewer Districts



Washington State Boundary Review Board for King County
July 9, 2026

Water-Sewer Districts

Petition Method – Non-Election

[RCW 57.24.070-RCW 57.24.100](#)

- Area must be contiguous to a district
- Potential considerations regarding local improvement districts or utility local improvement districts
- A petition for annexation may be filed with a district board of commissioners by 60% of property owners
 - Excludes certain areas like parks, environmental areas, public rights-of-ways from 60% calculation
 - Petition must include a property description and a plat which outlines the proposed boundary

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- District board of commissioners “entertain the petition” and hold a public hearing
 - Notice publication requirements with associated costs borne by signers of the petition
- District board of commissioners must determine by resolution whether annexation shall be made
 - May annex all or portion of the proposed annexation area, but it cannot add territory at this stage
 - If annexing, the resolution must include an effective annexation date
 - Potential impacts regarding prior indebtedness
 - Must file a copy with the County legislative authority

Other Steps

- District must undertake a SEPA process
 - [RCW Chapter 43.21C](#) and [WAC Chapter 197-11](#)
- Boundary Review Board (BRB) process in BRB counties per [RCW 36.93.090](#)
- Approval of County legislative authority per [RCW 57.02.040](#)
 - Must hold a public hearing and approve or not approve per certain 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 basin-wide 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.*
 - Can also find that the area would be most appropriately served by the county itself or another district, city, town or municipality



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Ordinance 19773

Proposed No. 2024-0163.1

Sponsors Perry

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the annexation of
 2 approximately 0.49 acres of land into the Covington
 3 Water District, known as the Schneider Annexation,
 4 for the purpose of water service.

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

6 1. A notice of intention proposing the annexation of approximately 0.49
 7 acres of land into the Covington Water District, known as the Schneider
 8 Annexation, for the purpose of providing water service was filed with the
 9 county council on April 23, 2024.

10 2. Covington Water District has approved the proposed transfer in
 11 Resolution No. 4665, passed on February 27, 2024.

12 3. Covington Water District issued a determination of nonsignificance on
 13 the proposed annexation dated January 26, 2024.

14 4. The utilities technical review committee reviewed the Covington Water
 15 District comprehensive plan, and found that plan met the criteria for
 16 approval. The county approved the most recent plan for the Covington
 17 Water District in 2016, as part of Ordinance 18435.

18 5. The county council held the legally required public hearing and has
 19 considered the criteria in RCW 57.02.040.

20 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

Ordinance 19773

21 SECTION 1. The annexation of approximately 0.49 acres of land into
22 the Covington Water District for the purpose of providing water service described
23 in Attachment A to this ordinance is approved. Approval of this proposed
24 annexation is consistent with RCW 57.02.040.

25 SECTION 2. Covington Water District is the appropriate entity to
26 serve the area proposed to be annexed.

27 SECTION 3. Completion of this annexation does not constitute

Ordinance 19773

- 28 county approval or disapproval of any other permits, certifications, or actions
- 29 necessary to provide service to this annexation area.

Ordinance 19773 was introduced on 5/14/2024 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/11/2024, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dave Upthegrove, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this _____ day of 6/24/2024, _____.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

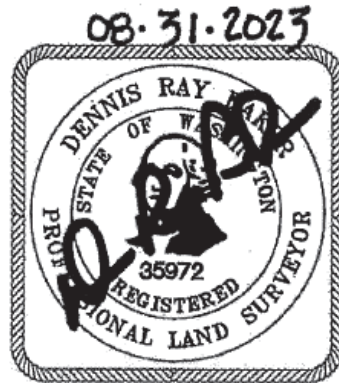
Attachments: A. Legal Description

EXHIBIT "A"

WATER ANNEXATION AREA LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THE EAST 130 FEET OF THE NORTH 165 FEET OF THE SOUTH
330 FEET OF WEST HALF OF WEST HALF OF NORTHWEST
QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20,
TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, W.M., IN KING
COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF KING, STATE OF WASHINGTON.





King County

**Metropolitan King County Council
Local Services and Land Use Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	6	Name:	Andy Micklow
Proposed No.:	2024-0163	Date:	June 5, 2024

SUBJECT

Proposed Ordinance 2024-0163 would approve an annexation of approximately 0.49 acres of land into the Covington Water District, known as the Schneider Annexation, for the purpose of water service.

SUMMARY

Proposed Ordinance 2024-0163 would approve the Schneider 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 these 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 in November 2023, 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 February 27, 2024. The Notice of Intention was filed with the Council on April 23, 2024.

ANALYSIS

Per state law¹, the Council held a public hearing on the proposed annexation on May 28, 2024. Following the hearing, the Council is required to approve or disapprove of the annexation within 60 days.

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

¹ Chapter 57.24 regulates annexations by water districts, and Chapter 57.02 includes provisions for County Council action on such annexations.

- (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 2016,² 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.

Proposed Ordinance 2024-0163 would approve the requested annexation into the Covington Water District for the provision of water service.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Ordinance 2024-0163 (and its attachments)

² Ordinance 18435