

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-42**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN BELLINGHAM'S NORTHERN URBAN GROWTH AREA WITHIN THE BRITTON ROAD RESIDENTIAL PLANNING AREA TO THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM AND INITIATING THE ANNEXATION REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE MT. BAKER HIGHWAY / BRITTON ROAD ANNEXATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City received a petition for annexation of properties located in the City's Northern Urban Growth Area (UGA); and

**WHEREAS**, on October 17, 2017, the owners of property located in the City's UGA submitted a petition for annexation of approximately 65-acres to the City of Bellingham; and

**WHEREAS**, the annexation petition represents over 10% of the assessed valuation of the area proposed for annexation to the City of Bellingham; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.13.125 not less than 10% of the residents of an area to be annexed or the owners of not less than 10% in property value, according to the assessed valuation for general taxation of the property for which annexation is petitioned, shall notify the legislative body of the city or town in writing of their intention to commence annexation proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, under RCW 35.13.125, the legislative body is to hold a meeting not later than sixty days after the filing of the petition with the initiating parties to determine whether the city would accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation, whether it shall require the simultaneous adoption of the comprehensive plan, and whether it shall require the assumption of all or any portion of existing city indebtedness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Whatcom County identified this area appropriate for urban development in Whatcom County's Urban Fringe Subarea Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2009, the City adopted an Annexation Phasing Plan to be used as a reference document and a guide for City and County staff, service providers, and the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 2017, the City received a request and a 10% petition for annexation from property owners to add their properties consisting of approximately 7.1-acres (9-acres including right-of-ways) to the October 17, 2017, petitioned annexation area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bellingham City Council held a meeting on December 11, 2017, to determine whether the City would accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation, whether it shall require the simultaneous adoption of new comprehensive plan and zoning designation, and whether it shall require the assumption of all or any portion of existing city indebtedness.

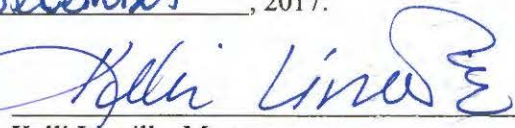
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:**


1. The City hereby modifies the boundaries of the proposed annexation area submitted on October 17, 2017, to also include the land area petitioned for annexation on December 5, 2017, as shown on Exhibit A; and
2. The City accept the petitions for annexation of properties to the City of Bellingham for further evaluation in accordance with City regulations and State law with the proposed annexation boundary as shown on Exhibit A; and
3. City staff is directed to provide additional information regarding the proposed annexation, including an evaluation of the potential benefits and service impacts of the proposed annexation; and
4. If the annexation is approved, the City will require simultaneous adoption of new comprehensive plan, zoning and development regulations consistent with Bellingham's Comprehensive Plan and require the annexed area to assume its fair share of the City's indebtedness.

**PASSED** by the Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.


  
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Michael Lilliquist, Council President

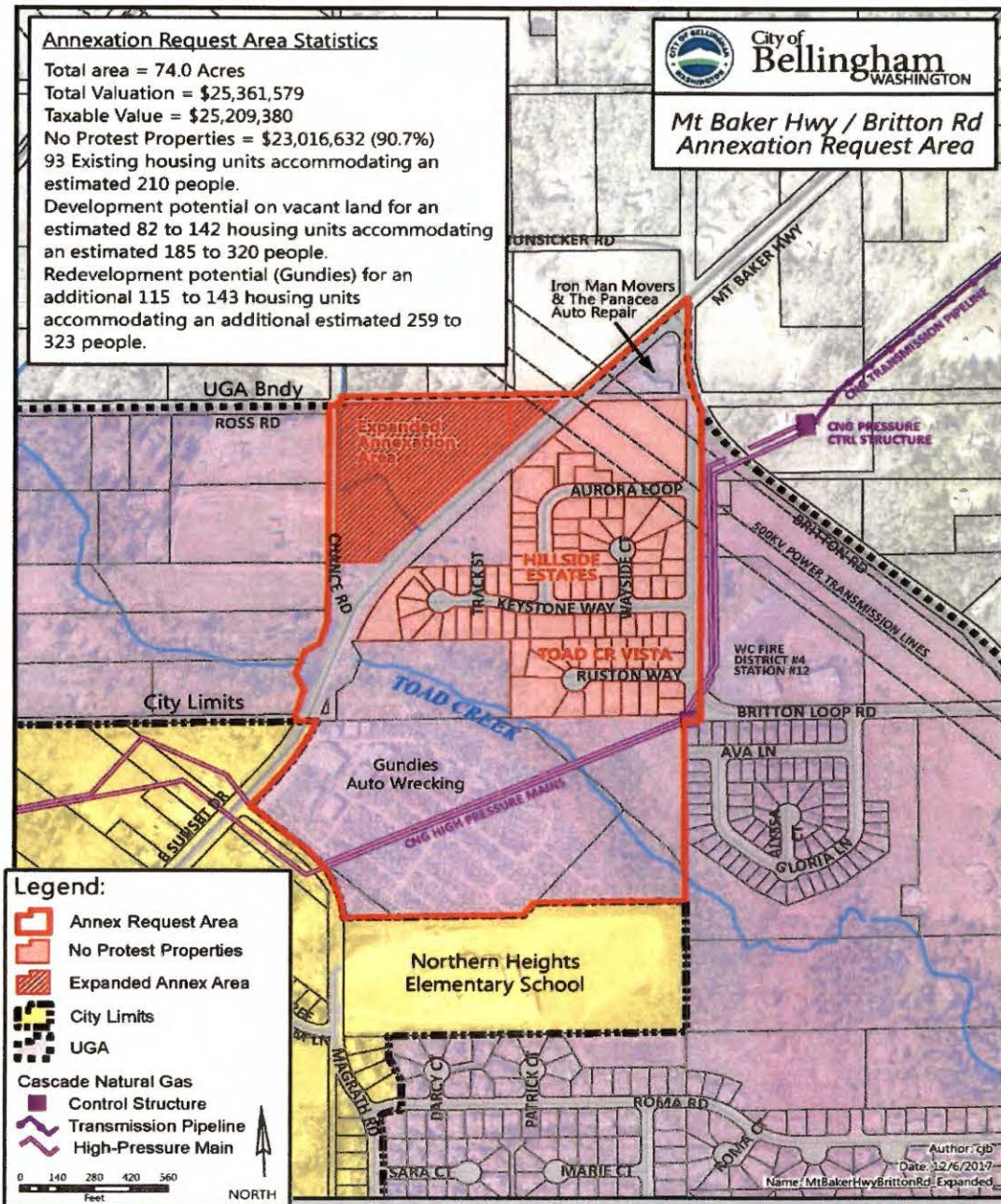
**APPROVED** by me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

  
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Kelli Linville, Mayor

**ATTEST:**   
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Brian Henshaw, Finance Director

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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