

RESOLUTION NO. 5658

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING INTENT TO EXPLORE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF KENT, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE BRIDGES, PURSUANT TO RCW 35.10.217

WHEREAS, RCW 35.10.217(2) authorizes the legislative body of a city on its own initiative by resolution to indicate its desire to be annexed to a city in whole or in part, which annexation shall become effective upon the adoption of a resolution by the other city concurring in the annexation; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property, commonly referred to as the “Bridges,” is a community located on Lea Hill and within the City of Kent’s municipal limits, but surrounded entirely by the City of Auburn, as shown on attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, some community members have expressed an interest in the de-annexation of the Subject Property from Kent and annexation of the Subject Property to Auburn, which is consistent with discussions that have occurred between the cities of Kent and Auburn since 2019; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Auburn and Kent have been, and will continue, working collaboratively to ensure that the Bridges infrastructure meets appropriate regulatory requirements and maintenance standards if the property is annexed to Auburn; and

WHEREAS, some portions of the Subject Property remain undeveloped, which is cause to consider transferring regulatory and infrastructure authority and responsibilities to the City of Auburn given that the Bridges is surrounded by Auburn residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires for representatives from the cities of Auburn and Kent to formally explore community interest by asking the Living at Bridges Homeowners Association, along with other stakeholders, whether members support annexation of the Subject Property to Auburn, with the results to be reported to each respective City Council; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Auburn and Kent commit to coordinate and cooperate with respect to any issues affecting the cities related to annexation/de-annexation, as well as collaborate on all information and communication shared with the public; and

WHEREAS, contemporaneous with the Auburn City Council's consideration of this Resolution, the City of Kent is considering this same expression of intent to explore annexation/de-annexation because of the mutual benefits to both cities and their common infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, in the event that de-annexation and annexation move forward, the cities will follow the resolution process set forth in RCW 35.10.217.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. The Auburn City Council directs City Staff to explore community interest in the de-annexation of the Subject Property from Kent and annexation to Auburn, with the results to be reported to the City Council.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to implement those administrative procedures necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

Section 3. This Resolution will take effect and be in full force on passage and signatures.

Dated and Signed: _____

CITY OF AUBURN

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Shawn Campbell, MMC, City Clerk

Kendra Comeau, City Attorney