

**CITY OF GIG HARBOR
RESOLUTION NO. 466**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE WESTSIDE ANNEXATION AREA AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TWO BALLOT PROPOSITIONS TO VOTERS WITHIN THAT AREA: ONE PROPOSITION ON THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION AND ONE PROPOSITION ON THE QUESTION OF ASSUMPTION OF INDEBTEDNESS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY STAFF TO FILE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION WITH THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE PIERCE COUNTY BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD; AND MAKING THE REQUISITE FINDINGS AND STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY RCW 35A.14.015 FOR INITIATING THE ANNEXATION.

WHEREAS, on February 25, 1996, the City received a notice of intent to annex requesting that the City annex certain property commonly known as the Westside Annexation Area, and

WHEREAS, the notice of intent was signed by the owners of property constituting more than 10% of the total assessed valuation within the area proposed to be annexed, and

WHEREAS, previous owner-initiated proposed annexations of the Westside Annexation Area have proved unsuccessful due to the inability to obtain signatures representing the requisite 60% of assessed valuation required by RCW 35A.14.120, and the City Council is therefore reluctant to authorize circulation of an annexation petition, and

WHEREAS, the city council has carefully considered the merits of annexing the property known as the Westside Annexation Area and believes the same to be in the best interests and general welfare of the City and the persons and property owners within the annexation area, and the Council therefore desires to initiate the election method annexation proceedings provided in RCW 35A.14.015, now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The City Council finds that annexation of the property commonly known as the Westside Annexation Area to the City of Gig Harbor would serve the best interests and general welfare of the City and those persons and property owners within the proposed annexation area. The boundaries of the area proposed to be annexed are more particularly described in the legal description attached to this resolution as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full. The number of voters residing in the proposed annexation area, as nearly as may be determined from County records, is 926.

Section 2. Call for Election - Ballot Propositions. The City Council hereby calls for an election to be held in the area proposed for annexation and requests that the County Council and County

Auditor call the same for a date to be subsequently determined by the City Council upon approval by the Boundary Review Board for Pierce County. The purpose of the election shall be to submit two ballot propositions to the registered voters within the area proposed for annexation. It has been requested by the registered voters in the annexation area that the mail method of election be used. The ballot propositions shall provide for the annexation of the area and for the assumption of a proportionate share of the City's indebtedness and shall be in the following form, or such other form as may be deemed appropriate by the City Attorney:

PROPOSITION NO.

Shall the property commonly known as the Westside Annexation Area to be annexed to and become a part of the City of Gig Harbor?

FOR ANNEXATION

AGAINST ANNEXATION

PROPOSITION NO.

If the annexation of the Westside Annexation Area to the City of Gig Harbor is approved, shall the property be assessed and taxed at the same rate and on the same basis as the property within the City of Gig Harbor is assessed and taxed to pay for all of the then-outstanding indebtedness of the City?

YES

NO

Section 3. Date of Election. The City's preference for the date of the election will be determined after approval by the Pierce County Boundary Review Board.

Section 4. Election Costs. The City of Gig Harbor agrees to pay all costs associated with the annexation election.

Section 5. Authority of Mayor and Duties of City Clerk. The City Clerk is directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Pierce County Council and with the Pierce County Boundary Review Board. The Mayor and her designees are hereby authorized to execute and file any and all necessary notices of intention and other documents with the County Council and the Boundary Review Board in order to obtain approval of the annexation and in order to secure authorization for the election at a date to be specified by the City Council by further resolution.

RESOLVED by the City Council this 25th day of March, 1996.

APPROVED:

Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor

ATTEST / AUTHENTICATED:

Mark Hoppen, City Administrator

Filed with the City Administrator: 3/20/96

Passed by the City Council: 3/25/96

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