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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Set Public Hearing Date for Manitou Annexation Interlocal Agreement – August 31, 2021  
**DATE:** July 22, 2021

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution setting Tuesday, August 31, 2021, as the date for a public hearing before the City Council on the draft Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tacoma and Pierce County on the proposed annexation of the Manitou Potential Annexation Area.

**BACKGROUND:**

This Department’s recommendation is based on RCW 35.13.470(3), which requires the City Council to conduct a public hearing on the Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) before it is executed. The Agreement governs the proceeding of the annexation of the Manitou Potential Annexation Area to the City of Tacoma and sets forth the transition of services from Pierce County to the City.

The 37-acre Manitou area is located near Lakewood Drive West and 66<sup>th</sup> Street West, abutting the southwest corner of the City, and is one of the Potential Annexation Areas as designated in the City’s and the County’s comprehensive plans. Surrounded by the cities of Tacoma and University Place on all sides, the area is also an unincorporated “island” of the County where future annexation to the City is expected by the State Growth Management Act and considered a high priority in regional and countywide planning policies.

Pursuant RCW 35.13.470, annexation of the Manitou area is carried out through the Interlocal Agreement method. County and City Councils initiated the annexation process and the negotiation of the Agreement in fall of 2018. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 40150 to that effect on October 30, 2018. County and City staff have completed the negotiation of the Agreement in June 2021. The Government Performance and Finance Committee reviewed the status of the Manitou Annexation efforts on July 20, 2021, and recommended that the City Council conduct a public hearing on the Agreement and subsequently proceed with all required steps to complete the annexation process.

For more information about the project, please visit [www.cityoftacoma.org/Manitou](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Manitou).

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

The public hearing will provide an opportunity for concerned citizens to weigh in, and the City Council to engage with the community, on the Agreement and the proposed annexation. Planning staff has collaborated with County staff and conducted four community meetings in May and December 2018, April 2019, and June 2021. Notices for these meetings were distributed to residents and businesses within the Manitou Area, the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council, departments of the City’s General Government and Tacoma Public Utilities, as well as various service providers. Feedback from the community has been generally supportive of the proposed annexation.



**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

This resolution sets the date for a public hearing. The public hearing provides an equal opportunity for all residents and stakeholders with diverse background and interests to learn about and comment on the Agreement and the proposed annexation.

**Economy/Workforce:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of Tacoma households that have livable wage jobs within proximity to the city.  
Increase the number of infrastructure projects and improvements that support existing and new business developments.

**Civic Engagement:** *Equity Index Score:* High Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.  
Representation at public meetings will reflect the diversity of the Tacoma community

**Livability:** *Equity Index Score:* High Opportunity

Improve access and proximity by residents to diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

**Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).**

This resolution sets the date for a public hearing, which is a step required by the state law before the Interlocal Agreement is executed and the annexation of the Manitou Area becomes effective. Upon annexation, residents and businesses in the Manitou Area will enjoy the same services, facilities, infrastructure, employment opportunities, and government representation as Tacomans currently do.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Set the public hearing on a later date.	Allowing more time for public notification.	Delaying the completion of the annexation process.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

This resolution sets the date for a public hearing. Upon completion of the public hearing, staff will review comments received, conduct follow-up analysis and research as needed, and provide appropriate suggestions to the City Council in approving the Agreement and moving forward with the proposed annexation.

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Council conduct a public hearing on August 31, 2021 concerning the Interlocal Agreement on Manitou Annexation, and consider an ordinance at a later date to approve said Agreement and set the effective date for the annexation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to setting the public hearing date.