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**SUBJECT:** Manitou Annexation  
**DATE:** October 16, 2018

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**

Request for Committee recommendation.

**SUMMARY:**

This is a follow-up of the Committee's meeting on August 21, 2018, when the Committee reviewed the scope of the pre-annexation planning for the Manitou Potential Annexation Area and requested additional information pertaining to the potential fiscal impacts of the proposed annexation. See Exhibit "A" – "Manitou Annexation Fiscal Impacts – Preliminary Review."

**BACKGROUND:**

Pierce County and City of Tacoma staff have been working collaboratively on the potential annexation of the 37-acre Manitou area (see Map 1 in Exhibit "A"), one of the unincorporated "islands" in Pierce County where future annexation to the City is expected by the State Growth Management Act and considered a high priority in regional policies and Pierce County's Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed annexation is to be carried out through the Interlocal Annexation Agreement Method as allowed by State laws (i.e., RCW 35.13.470 and .480). Pierce County Council has adopted a resolution (No. R2018-97) on September 4, 2018, in accordance with RCW 35.13.470, to initiate the negotiation of said interlocal agreement with the City of Tacoma. The City Council is recommended to consider a corresponding resolution to commence the negotiation of the interlocal agreement and to continue pre-annexation planning efforts.

Additional information about the subject can be viewed at [www.cityoftacoma.org/Manitou](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Manitou).

**ISSUE:**

See narrative in "Fiscal Impact" below.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Staff's recommendation is to continue the pre-annexation planning for the Manitou area and no alternatives are being contemplated.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

As described in Exhibit "A", a preliminary review of the potential fiscal impacts has been conducted. The review examined some essential public services and utilities that would be provided by various departments, including taxes and fees collected by Tax and License Division. All service providers have indicated the confidence of being able to incorporate the Manitou area into their current scope of service while maintaining the level of service comparable to what is being provided. Fiscal impacts to those departments, however, are generally to be determined, depending on various factors associated with the different services.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee is requested to make a recommendation to the City Council to consider responding to Pierce County Council's action on September 4<sup>th</sup> and adopting a resolution on October 30, 2018, or a date to be otherwise set, to officially initiate the negotiation of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Manitou Annexation Fiscal Impacts – Preliminary Review (October 5, 2018)