

ORDINANCE NO. 20-04

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS INTO THE CITY OF EPHRATA

RECITALS:

1. The City of Ephrata received a Notice of Intention to Commence Annexation Proceeding on August 13, 2020, signed by James Forrest and George Waltho.
2. The signatories of the Notice of Intention to Commence Annexation Proceeding constitute sufficient value to meet the not less than (10%) percent requirement of RCW 35A.14.120 of the assessed value of the property involved.
3. The proposed area for annexation contains approximately 26.87 acres and is described in the attached Exhibit "A" and depicted on the attached Exhibit "B".
4. The proposed area for annexation is within the City's Urban Growth Area and is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Growth Management Act, which reads in relevant part: "[i]n general, cities are the units of local government most appropriate to provide urban governmental services." RCW 36.70A.110(4).
5. Pursuant to RCW 35A.14.120, the Ephrata City Council met within sixty days of receipt of the Notice of Intention to Commence Annexation Proceeding, on September 2, 2020, to review the proposed annexation and found said proposed annexation to be a logical extension of the City corporate limits; and that said property should be annexed to the City; and that (1) said property should assume its pro rata share of the City's bonded indebtedness and be assessed and pay taxes at the same rate and on the same basis as other property within the City; and that (2) said property should be assigned the Suburban-Residential zoning classification.
6. Following the meeting, the proponent of the annexation circulated the necessary petition which was signed by the owners of more than sixty percent of the assessed valuation, according to the assessed valuation for general taxation, of the property for which annexation has been petitioned and was certified as legally sufficient by the County Assessor.
7. Following action by the City Council the City received a certification of sufficiency of the petition from the County Assessor on September 29, 2020 (attached as Exhibit "C").
8. The City Council held a public hearing at its regular meeting on October 7, 2020 to

consider the annexation.

9. Ephrata City utilities, police, fire, and other services are adequate and available to support the area upon annexation.
10. The Ephrata City Council finds that it is in its best interest of the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of the City and the proposed area for annexation for the area to be annexed to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EPHRATA, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto is hereby annexed into the City of Ephrata; and that the corporate limits of the City of Ephrata shall include the property and territory hereinbefore fully described. Said property shall be assessed and taxed at the same rate and on the same basis as the property of the City of Ephrata is assessed and taxed to pay for the now outstanding indebtedness of the City of Ephrata contracted prior to or existing at the time of annexation.

Section 2. The City's comprehensive plan shall be adopted for the area annexed by this ordinance, and these lands shall be subject to all City regulations. The Comprehensive Plan designation is Low-Density Residential. The zoning of the property upon the effective date of this annexation shall be Suburban Residential.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to provide notice of this annexation to the appropriate entities and to file a copy of this ordinance with the Board of Commissioners of Grant County, Washington.

Section 4. By operation of law, there is granted to any franchise garbage hauler serving any portion of the annexed property a seven year franchise to continue the collection and disposal of garbage and other solid waste for the areas served on the date of the adoption of this ordinance.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after passage of its summary and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Ephrata, Washington, this 7th day of October, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

PASSED the 7th day of October, 2020.

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PUBLISHED the 8th day of October, 2020.