

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD  
FOR KING COUNTY  
RESOLUTION AND HEARING DECISION

**IN RE: CITY OF SHORELINE  
Ronald Wastewater District  
Proposed Assumption  
King County, Washington**

**FILE NO. 2357**

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**I. PUBLIC HEARING OVERVIEW**

In May 2014, the proponent, the City of Shoreline filed a Notice of Intention with the Boundary Review Board to assume that portion of the Ronald Wastewater District lying within King County of approximately 7076 acres.

The Ronald Wastewater District Assumption Area essentially coincides with the boundaries of the City of Shoreline within King County. Exhibit I and Exhibit II (attached hereto) comprise the official legal and description and maps for File 2357.

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The City of Shoreline invoked the jurisdiction of the Boundary Review Board for the purpose of providing the affected citizens a public hearing before an independent body in order to obtain information and comment upon the proposed Ronald Wastewater District Assumption.

The Board held Special Meetings/Public Hearings on August 19 and 20, 2014 to consider the proposal by the City of Shoreline to assume the Ronald Wastewater District (District.). The Public Hearings were concluded on August 20, 2014. On August 20, 2014, the Board deliberated to come to a preliminary decision in the matter of File No. 2357.

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The Board reviewed File No. 2357 in accord with RCW 36.93 et seq., (Local Governments – Boundaries – Review Boards.) The Board focused its attention on RCW 36.93.170 (Factors) and RCW 36.93.180 (Objectives.) The Board also considered RCW 36.70A, the Growth Management Act, the King County Comprehensive Plan, the City of Shoreline Comprehensive Plan, and other applicable state, regional, and local regulations and guidelines.

The Board is required by Washington law, to: (1) examine the record in its entirety (e.g., application materials; technical studies; fiscal studies; regulatory analyses; other documents, exhibits, statements and testimony); (2) determine the specific policies and guidelines applicable to the proposed action; (3) review and weigh these elements; and (4) take the action that best advances its statutory objectives.

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In the process of deliberation and reaching its preliminary decision in the matter of File No. 2357, the Board found the following:

- The record for File No. 2357 contains sufficient documentation (e.g., legal analyses, technical reports, fiscal studies), evidence of community information programs, and certification of petitions and/or legislative action to complete its review of the Ronald Wastewater District Assumption.
- On the basis of the testimony, evidence, and exhibits presented at said hearing, and the matters on record in said **File No. 2357**, it is the decision of the Board to **approve** the action proposed in said **Notice of Intention**.
- The legal description of the Ronald Wastewater District is attached hereto and marked as "Exhibit I", together with a map showing the boundaries of the area herein marked as "Exhibit II."

## II. FINDINGS

### RCW 36.93.170 FACTORS AFFECTING THIS PROPOSAL

The Boundary Review Board finds, based upon the written record and oral testimony, that the following Factors (RCW 36.93.170) are applicable to the proposal for assumption of Ronald Wastewater District (District) by the City of Shoreline. The key issues related to each applicable element are as follows:

#### **RCW 36.93.170 (1) POPULATION AND TERRITORY**

The Board finds the following factors to be applicable: Population Density; Proximity to Other Populated Areas; Land Area/Land Uses; Comprehensive Land Use Plans; Topography, Natural Boundaries and Drainage Basins; Likelihood of Significant Growth in the Area During the Next Ten Years; and Population Density/Proximity to Other Populated Areas.

The record establishes that the existing City of Shoreline (and the overlying District) is defined as an urban area. The area under consideration for assumption is 7076 acres. The City – and the District which serves the jurisdiction – is characterized by a diverse, yet connected demography, economic characteristics, built communities, and natural environments.

Specifically, the City of Shoreline is generally unified with respect to its land area and its built community. It is substantially developed with single-family homes and multi-family residences. There is also sizeable commercial property within City of Shoreline District boundaries. Public facilities and open spaces are also present in these overlapping jurisdiction(s). Further the City (and, therefore, the overlying District) is linked by natural features such as topography, drainage basins, open space, and other ecosystems. The City of Shoreline Comprehensive Plan provides support for the natural environment through guidelines and regulatory controls.

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The Shoreline Comprehensive Plan identifies Ronald Wastewater District (District) as lying within the City's Potential Assumption Area. The proposed assumption is consistent with City's Comprehensive Plan goals and policies which support inclusion of urban areas within the City for local governance. The City of Shoreline Comprehensive Plan recognizes the City's commitment and resources to assume the District. The City of Shoreline is prepared to provide wastewater services to the community under local, regional, and state standards. Assumption of the Ronald Wastewater District will allow implementation of consistent and coordinated service standards throughout the community.

The City of Shoreline assumption of the District will promote a stable (and/or increased) populace over time. Some continuing growth is anticipated over the next ten years. As such, the Shoreline Comprehensive Plan provides for growth at urban levels of density generally consistent with the existing built environment and the natural environment.

The City of Shoreline officials testified that they are committed to continue to work with citizens of the area to determine specific long range land use designations and zoning requirements for the community. The City will retain responsibility for land use management through the City's Comprehensive Plan and land use regulations. The record demonstrates that the City of Shoreline has established plans and standards for residential uses, commercial uses, as well as public facilities/open spaces permitted in the entire community (and served by the District) in a manner that is consistent with and support the proposed assumption of the District.

Upon assumption the City of Shoreline has made a commitment to continue to provide environmental review (including evaluation and regulation of environmentally sensitive areas) for the protection of areas. The City will support the preservation of environmentally sensitive areas through its Comprehensive Plan, Critical Areas Ordinance, open space preservation programs, storm water/flood control programs and various regional and state regulatory authorities. Shoreline has adopted the King County Surface Water Design Manual (2005) for provision of storm water management.

