

### SUMMARY

FILE NO. 2409

ENTITY: KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 43

ACTION: PETITION METHOD ANNEXATION

TITLE: VANDER WOUDE ANNEXATION

THOMAS GUIDE MAP NO. 688

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<b>Introduction</b>	The proposed action would add territory to the King County Fire Protection District No. 43 for purposes of fire protection and emergency medical services. This territory is currently not serviced by any fire protection district.
<b>Location</b>	This is a single parcel plus one half of the adjoining King County road.
<b>Land Area</b>	Approximately 1.5 acres
<b>Existing Land Use</b>	Residential – one single-family dwelling unit plus one half of the adjoining King County road.
<b>Population</b>	2 persons
<b>Assessed Valuation</b>	\$609,000
<b>County Comprehensive Plan</b>	RA-5 (Residential single-family – one dwelling unit per five acres)
<b>City Comprehensive Plan/City Zoning</b>	N/A
<b>District Comprehensive Plan/District Franchise</b>	N/A
<b>Urban Growth Area (UGA)</b>	The proposed annexation territory is located within the Rural Area as identified under the State Growth Management Act (GMA) and the King County Comprehensive Plan. Annexations are allowed in the Rural Area only for essential public services. Fire protection and emergency medical services exist within this category.
<b>SEPA Declaration:</b>	King County Fire Protection District No. 43 prepared a SEPA environmental checklist in March 2022 and made a Determination of Nonsignificance in March 2022.

**ENTITIES/AGENCIES NOTIFIED:**

<b>King County Councilmember:</b>	Reagan Dunn, District 9
<b>King County Departments</b>	KCIT, King County Council, Department of Assessments, Department of Community and Human Services, Department of Executive Services, Department of Local Services, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, King County Elections, King County Executive's Office, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Public Health Seattle & King County
<b>Cities:</b>	Snoqualmie, North Bend, Black Diamond, Maple Valley, Covington, Kent, Renton, Issaquah
<b>Fire Districts:</b>	King County Fire Protection District No. 27, King County Fire Protection District No. 38, King County Fire Protection District No. 47, Enumclaw Fire Department, Mountainview Fire and Rescue, King County Fire Protection District No. 37, King County Fire Protection District No. 40, King County Fire Protection District No. 25, King County Fire Protection District No. 10
<b>Water Districts:</b>	King County Water District No. 90, Covington Water District, Lake Meridian Water District, King County Water District No. 123, Fall City Water District
<b>Sewer Districts:</b>	Cedar River Water and Sewer District, Soos Creek Water and Sewer District, Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District
<b>School District:</b>	Issaquah School District, Snoqualmie Valley School District, Tahoma School District, Enumclaw School District, Auburn School District, Kent School District, Renton School District
<b>Other:</b>	Puget Sound Regional Council, Snoqualmie Tribe

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The King County Fire Protection District No. 43, "the District," proposes to annex approximately 1.5 acres near the Hobart area of the King County unincorporated area to the District's boundary for fire protection and emergency medical services. This proposed annexation area "the Territory" is comprised of a single parcel that contains one single family dwelling unit with an accompanying detached shop plus one half of the adjoining King County road. The Territory is located within the Rural Area as identified under the State Growth Management Act (GMA) and the King County Comprehensive Plan. It is zoned as RA-5. Annexations are allowed in the Rural Area only for essential public services. Fire protection and emergency medical services exist within this category.

The District proposes to annex the Territory via the petition method, and the proposed actions would not affect land designations for the Territory.

District representatives report that the proposed action is consistent with applicable provisions of the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.020), the King County Comprehensive Plan and King County Countywide Planning Policies. Per the District, the Growth Management Act, King County Comprehensive Plan and King County Countywide Planning Policy sections which support this action include:

### **Growth Management Act**

- (4) In general, cities are the units of local government most appropriate to provide urban governmental services. In general, it is not appropriate that urban governmental services be extended to or expanded in rural areas except in those limited circumstances shown to be necessary to protect basic public health and safety and the environment and when such services are financially supportable at rural densities and do not permit urban development.
- (12) Public facilities and services. Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve the development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.

Relating to these sections, the District states that "this action is required to legally provide fire and EMS services necessary to protect basic public health and safety at the current service levels neighboring parcels enjoy."

### **King County Comprehensive Plan**

- **RP-110** King County's planning should strengthen communities by addressing all the elements, resources and needs that make a community whole, including: economic growth and the built environment, environmental sustainability, regional and local mobility, health and human potential, and justice and safety.
- **R- 202** The Rural Area geography shown on the King County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map include areas that are rural in character and meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - b. The area will help buffer nearby Natural Resource Lands from conflicting urban uses
  - c. The area is contiguous to other lands in the Rural Area, Resource Lands or large, predominantly environmentally critical areas
  - d. There are major physical barriers to providing urban services at reasonable cost, or such areas will help foster more logical boundaries for urban public services and infrastructure
  - e. The area is not needed for the foreseeable future that is well beyond the 20-year forecast period to provide capacity for population or employment growth
- **F-102** King County shall work with cities, special purpose districts, other local service providers and residents to identify and distinguish local, countywide and regional services. Over time, cities will assume primary responsibility for coordinating the provision of local services delivery in urban areas. In general, the county will continue to provide local services delivery within the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands. Special purpose districts may still provide services, where appropriate. The county will also assume primary responsibility for coordinating the provision of countywide services, including countywide services that must be delivered within city boundaries. The county will also

work with cities, special purpose districts, and other counties to identify regional service and facility needs and develop strategies to provide them.

- **F-107** King County will, in cooperation with special purpose districts or local service providers, continue to plan for and provide public services to the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands, consistent with rural standards and needs.

#### **King County Countywide Planning Policies**

- **PF-2** Provide affordable and equitable access to public services to all communities, especially the historically underserved. Prioritize investments to address disparities.
- **PF-3** Coordinate among jurisdictions and service providers to provide reliable and cost-effective services to the public through coordination among jurisdictions and service providers.

The District reports that the currently proposed annexation of the Territory by the District is consistent with the provisions of RCW 36.93 (Boundary Review Board Regulations). Specifically, RCW 36.93.180 requires that such actions be evaluated with respect to nine objectives. In this application, the District has identified the two following key objectives as being potentially relevant for specific consideration:

- **Objective 1:** Preservation of natural neighborhoods and communities
- **Objective 3:** Creation and preservation of logical service areas

The District states that annexation of the Territory will provide vital fire and life safety services to the residents of the Territory while not impacting the rural nature of the area. Further, the District adds that annexation of the Territory supports the objective of creating logical service areas as the Territory borders current District boundaries on two sides (north and west.)

The District reports that it will directly provide service to the Territory upon annexation. It states that the nearest fire station (Station 81) is located 5.8 miles from the Territory. It adds that this station can provide response in ten minutes and is staffed on a 24/7 basis with one fire engine supported by three firefighter/EMTs plus one battalion chief/EMT and their assigned command vehicle. Valley Communications provides dispatch services for these resources. The District states that the closest fire hydrant to be used for a water shuttle is located at SE 224 St and 272 Ave SE and that the parcel located in the Territory is currently served by a well and a septic system. Finally, the District reports that annexation of the Territory would increase its revenue by approximately \$843 per year, but annexation would not cause a change in District expenditures or affect the revenues of other jurisdictions.

**King County**  
Dept of Assessors

Legend:

- Water
- Forest
- Urban
- Suburban
- Rural
- Open Space
- Other

Scale: 1 inch = 1 mile

North Arrow

Parcel ID: 123456789

Area: 1.23 Acres

Owner: John Doe

Address: 1234 Main St, Seattle, WA 98101

Map Date: 08-22-07

