

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Citizens		8/92	8/25/92	9/8/92	Council - Intro
Division Head:				10/6/92	Council - Hearing
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT:

Ordinance regarding the annexation of certain properties between Fire District 1 and Fire District 14, into Fire Protection District No. 14

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ordinance
- Auditor's certification of petition. and petition

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / <input type="checkbox"/> / YES / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / Requested date: 10/1/92
Amount budgeted for this item/project: \$	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / <input type="checkbox"/> / NO / <input type="checkbox"/> (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

Whatcom County Council Resolution 92-011 encouraged areas to annex into fire protection districts if they had not already done so. The petitioners requested to be annexed into Fire District No. 14; the Commissioners of that District concur with the request; and the Auditor declared that the petition was sufficient in order for annexation to occur without an election.

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adoption of the ordinance is recommended, following the public hearing.

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

- 9/8/92: Introduced
- 10/6/92: Council adopted the ordinance. 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 92-067

REGARDING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES
INTO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 14

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Council Resolution 92-011 encouraged the annexation of unincorporated areas into existing fire protection districts; and

WHEREAS, the Council is considering an ordinance that would prohibit the issuance of building permits in areas not included in a fire protection district; and

WHEREAS, citizens living between the boundaries of Fire District No. 1 and Fire District No. 14 petitioned for incorporation into existing Fire Protection District No. 14; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor certified that the petition bears the signatures of at least 60 percent of the qualified electors within the area proposed to be annexed; and

WHEREAS, the commissioners of Fire District No. 14 have offered their written consent to the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, Section 52.04.011 (3) of the Revised Code of Washington provides that if a petition is signed by 60 percent of the qualified registered electors residing within the territory proposed to be annexed, and if the board of fire commissioners concur, an election in the territory and a hearing on the petition shall be dispensed with and the county legislative authority shall enter its order incorporating the territory into the existing fire protection district; and

WHEREAS, the Council scheduled this proposal for a hearing and had notice of such hearing posted in three public places within the area proposed for annexation; and

WHEREAS, the petition signed by 60 percent of the qualified electors within the district stated that county property taxes would be increased in the amount of the fire district levy and bond repayment obligation (in 1992 the amount of taxes in District 14 is \$1.23 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the regular levy and bond issues by the district), and that unimproved lands may be exempt under state law if they meet certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation would benefit the public health, safety and welfare;

