## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** |  | **Name:** | Andy Micklow |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2022-0317 | **Date:** | August 23, 2022 |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Ordinance 2022-0317 would approve the withdrawal of approximately 247 acres of land from the Sammamish Plateau water and sewer district to the City of Issaquah, for the purpose of water service.

**SUMMARY**

Proposed Ordinance 2022-0317 would approve the withdrawal of approximately 247 acres of land from the Sammamish Plateau water and sewer district to the City of Issaquah, for the purpose of water service. Council action on a withdrawal of territory is required, subject to criteria found in state law.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Issaquah, in Council District 3, provides water service to the Issaquah Highlands and Urban Village area (Area). The Area is also currently included in the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District's corporate limits.

The proposed withdrawal was initiated by the Sammamish Plateau Board of Commissioners under the statutory provisions of RCW 57.28.035. The Issaquah Highlands and Urban Village area receives water service from the City of Issaquah and will continue to remain in that district for the purpose of water service. Withdrawal of the territory from the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District will continue to allow for safe and reliable water service to the Area. The Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District approved the withdrawal on June 6, 2022. The Notice of Intention was filed with the Council on July 6, 2022.

**ANALYSIS**

Under RCW 57.02.040(3), when reviewing the proposed action, the Council is required to consider three criteria:

(a) Whether the proposed action in the area under consideration is in compliance with the development program that is outlined in the county comprehensive plan, or city or town comprehensive plan where appropriate, and its supporting documents;

(b) Whether the proposed action in the area under consideration is in compliance with the basinwide water and/or sewage plan as approved by the state department of ecology and the state department of social and health services; and

(c) Whether the proposed action is in compliance with the policies expressed in the county plan for water and/or sewage facilities.

When the UTRC reviewed the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District's water comprehensive plan, which was ultimately approved by Council in 2020,[[1]](#footnote-1) their review included consideration of these criteria. The UTRC also reviewed the City of Issaquah's water system plan update in 2018, which was approved by Council in 2018.[[2]](#footnote-2) While the review of the plans did not look at specific actions, at a planning level, the UTRC found that both districts' plans met these criteria. K.C.C. 13.24.010.A.2 requires comprehensive plans for water districts be adopted by the district and approved by the King County Council as a prerequisite for Council approval of annexation proposals. That requirement is satisfied with the current plans for the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District and the City of Issaquah.

**AMENDMENT**

Amendment 1 would correct the reference to the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District's water comprehensive plan.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2022-0317 (and its attachments)
2. Amendment 1
1. Ordinance 19069 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Ordinance 18985 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)