## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 12 | **Name:** | Nick Bowman |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2019-0161 | **Date:** | June 24, 2019 |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Ordinance 2019-0161 would approve a boundary change for the City of Normandy Park to include Southwest 168th Street and Southwest 170th Street right-of-way within the city.

**SUMMARY**

State law[[1]](#footnote-1) allows the county and a city to agree to revise the corporate boundary of the city to include an unincorporated area road and right-of-way within the city limits. The revision to the boundary of a city becomes effective when approved by ordinance of the city and county. The City of Normandy Park proposes to include all portions of Southwest 168th and Southwest 170th Street right-of-way within their city limits. This Proposed Ordinance would complete the process.

**BACKGROUND**

The 2014 Strategic Plan for Road Services includes direction to “work actively with cities and the state to transfer responsibility for isolated urban roads to the adjacent city. These include half-streets (i.e., one side owned by a city and the other by the County), roads completely surrounded by city territory, and roads located on the urban growth boundary where consistent urban services are most appropriate.”[[2]](#footnote-2)

**ANALYSIS**

This action would transfer governance and fiscal responsibility of orphaned roads in unincorporated King County to the City of Normandy Park. Approval of the Proposed Ordinance would transfer approximately 0.72 miles Southwest 168th and Southwest 170th Street to the City of Normandy Park. This includes the northern half of the road right-of-way for a portion of Southwest 168th Street between the City of Burien and the City of Normandy Park boundaries and the northern half of Southwest 170th Street between the City of Burien and City of Normandy Park boundaries.

The Normandy Park City Council approved Ordinance 961 on October 30, 2018 to revise the City’s corporate boundary to include the unincorporated portions of Southwest 168th and Southwest 170th Street. The King County Council’s approval of the Proposed Ordinance will approve the revision of the corporate boundary of the City and will transfer responsibility for future road maintenance, operation and improvement with the City, instead of with the County.

According to the fiscal note,[[3]](#footnote-3) there will be no cost reductions as a result of this proposal though approval of the Proposed Ordinance, would allow maintenance funds which may have been spent on these road segments to be allocated elsewhere in the unincorporated area.

**INVITEES**

* Rick Brater, Director, King County Road Services Division.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2019-0161 (and its attachments)
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Fiscal Note

1. RCW 35A.21.210 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Strategic Plan for Road Services, 2014, page 26. <http://www.kingcounty.gov/~/media/transportation/kcdot/roads/SPRS/SPRS2014Update.ashx> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Attachment 3 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)