

RESOLUTION 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, CONFIRMING INCLUSION OF CITY- OWNED PROPERTIES WITHIN A MEADOWBROOK SEWER UTILITY LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, under the Washington State Growth Management Act (“GMA”), cities are given the general responsibility and obligation to provide municipal services at urban levels, and counties are given the general responsibility and obligation to provide municipal services at rural levels; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Bend (“City”) operates a municipal sewer utility for the benefit of all residents and businesses within the City limits, and thereby provides an urban level of public sewer services; and

WHEREAS, the City’s commitment to providing an urban level of sewer service is evidenced in numerous documents and by numerous actions, including the adopted City of North Bend Comprehensive Plan as approved by the Puget Sound Regional Council and King County; and

WHEREAS, the City updated its Sewer Comprehensive Plan in 2017, which includes the addition of sewer in the Meadowbrook area, and it was subsequently approved by the Washington State Department of Ecology; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.020 establishes goals for the GMA as the basis for North Bend’s Comprehensive Plan. The Goals include concentration of urban growth, economic development, and public facilities and services. North Bend is an Urban Growth City required by the GMA to plan for projected growth based on available land for development; and

WHEREAS, the key priorities in comprehensive plans under the GMA must ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve the development; and

WHEREAS, the City’s adopted Mission Statement, “The mission of the City of North Bend is to create a highly livable community by working in partnership with its citizens to blend and balance the following principles: high levels of police, fire, and emergency medical services; build and maintain healthy infrastructure; deliver quality public services; encourage a strong local economy; preserve the small town character of the community,” and specifically declares “build and maintain healthy infrastructure;” and

WHEREAS, the City’s adopted Brand Statement includes the value, “Consistent delivery of quality basic services . . .” of which public sewer is a basic government service that the City is obligated to make available; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the City incurred bonded indebtedness of \$35 million to fund wastewater treatment plan improvements which included capacity for sewer collection from the Meadowbrook area of the City; and

WHEREAS, providing sewer collection to the Meadowbrook Sewer ULID area will contribute necessary funds to retire the bonded indebtedness through sewer connection fees; and

WHEREAS, the City owns several parcels in the Meadowbrook area comprising a significant portion of the Meadowbrook area and, regardless of the manner in which the final boundaries of a ULID area may be drawn, and the City should make a clear policy statement of intent as to requiring city facilities on city properties to be part of an available sewer system;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of North Bend hereby confirms its intent to include City-owned property within the area of any sewer ULID proposed to be formed within the Meadowbrook area. The Mayor is authorized to sign a petition to include City-owned parcels within any sewer ULID proposed for the Meadowbrook area regardless of the actual boundaries of the proposed sewer ULID, provided that (a) the area of the proposed sewer ULID as depicted on the petition includes the City-owned parcels, (b) only after the petition is first signed by the owners of property constituting a majority of the private property within the area of the proposed sewer ULID, and (c) after taking into consideration the expressed desires of private property owners within the ULID area.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

CITY OF NORTH BEND:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Michael R. Kenyon, City Attorney

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Effective: February 1, 2022
Posted: February 2, 2022

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk