

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION
NO. 2019-_____**

**A Resolution Annexing Approximately 95.70 Acres of Land
Into Kittitas County Fire District No. 2**

WHEREAS, several landowners submitted petitions for annexation to Kittitas County Fire District No. 2, dba Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue, asking that approximately 95.70 acres of land, of which they are owners, be annexed into Fire District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Kittitas County does not have a Boundary Review Board to process such petitions; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a Boundary Review Board, Chapter 52.04 RCW governs annexations for fire protection districts; and

WHEREAS, the petition method of annexation is an alternative method to the election method, and is governed by RCW 52.04.021, 031, 041, and .051, as well as by other statutes to which reference is made within those statutes; and

WHEREAS, in accord with RCW 52.04.031, the annexation petition was filed with the board of fire commissioners of Fire District No. 2, signed by the owners of at least 60% of the area of land to be annexed, and included a legal description and a plat outlining the boundaries of the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, in accord with RCW 52.04.041, the fire commissioners of District No. 2 by Resolution 19-18 dated September 12, 2019, approved the annexation following notice and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the board of fire commissioners of Fire District No. 2 submitted a signed copy of its Resolution to the Board of Kittitas County Commissioners (BOCC) for action pursuant to RCW 52.04.051; and

WHEREAS, the board of fire commissioners of Fire District No. 2 also submitted additional information and documentation including: (1) a Notice of Intention; (2) copies of the short plat and legal description of boundaries of the proposed annexation area, certified by a registered engineer or land surveyor; (3) vicinity maps displaying the boundary of the area proposed to be annexed and the size in acres; (4) a vicinity map displaying the boundary of the annexation in relation to the current boundary of the fire district; (5) the property owner's petition; (6) a certified copy of the County Assessor's verification letter in regard to parcel number, map number, abbreviated legal descriptions and corresponding owner of record; (7) affidavit of publication of public hearing notice; and (8) certified copy of the minutes of the fire district public hearing; and

WHEREAS, following notice duly given according to statute, the BOCC timely held a public hearing on December 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing held on December 3, 2019, pursuant to RCW 52.02.070 the BOCC considered the petition and received evidence in favor of or opposed to the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing the BOCC considered only those areas located within the County, and did not include any lands outside the boundaries of the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC did not exclude any lands from the boundaries described in the petition;

WHEREAS, the BOCC finds that the area proposed to be annexed is rural residential in nature, and is in an unincorporated area with no projected incorporation during the next ten (10) years, with unknown growth projection; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC finds that the lands proposed to be annexed will receive a benefit in that the annexation will provide fire protection to include wildland and structure fire responses, which will help protect and ensure the well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC finds that the annexation will be conducive to the public safety, welfare and convenience; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC approves Fire District No. 2's Resolution 19-18 dated September 12, 2019, to annex approximately 95.70 acres of the Umptanum Road area into Fire District No. 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: After public hearing following notice duly given according to statute, the Board of Kittitas County Commissioners adopts the recommendation of the Kittitas County Fire District No. 2, as submitted by the fire district's Resolution 19-18 dated September 12, 2019, to annex approximately 168.00 acres of land of the Reecer Creek area into Kittitas County Fire District No. 2.

DATED this ___ day of December 2019, at Ellensburg, Washington.

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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