

Resolution No. 1982-25

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON
TO SUBMIT TO ITS VOTERS A PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE CITY
CORPORATE LIMITS TO REMOVE CERTAIN PROPERTY THAT HAS
REMAINED RURAL IN CHARACTER AND UNDEVELOPED SINCE ITS
ANNEXATION IN 1996.**

Whereas, the current corporate limits of the City of Blaine include 573.0 acres more or less of land (the “Property” or “Territory”), also known as the East Blaine Area and described in Exhibit A, and depicted on Exhibit B;

Whereas, the Property is not and has not been served with infrastructure that is urban in nature, such as City water and sewer, and has not developed to urban levels since being annexed to the City in 1996;

Whereas, the City Council recognizes that the Property largely consists of undeveloped rural land including forested wetlands, ponds, and aquifer recharge areas, which, combined with other factors and changed circumstances, make road and other urban infrastructure improvements cost prohibitive for the foreseeable future including for the Growth Management Act (“GMA”) planning period;

Whereas, the unsuitability of the Property for urban development is evidenced by, among other things, the lack of development activity, including the expiration of a vesting development agreement and the lack of developer-funded urban infrastructure extension since it was annexed approximately thirty (30) years ago;

Whereas, the Property encompasses approximately 573.0 acres more or less within the City’s corporate boundaries, which limits the City’s ability under the GMA to include other lands more suited for urban use and development;

Whereas, Chapter 35A.16 of the Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”) authorizes the reduction of city limits pursuant to a prescribed statutory process;

Whereas, on April 28, 2025, the City Council approved Resolution 1972-25 directing staff to develop a proposal to de-annex the Property in the context of the City’s Comprehensive Plan update;

Whereas, after due consideration of proposed reduction in City limits, the City Council has determined that the reduction would preserve natural neighborhoods and communities; be consistent with physical and other appropriate boundaries; preserve logical service areas; protect natural resources; and adjust what has come to be an impractical boundary given the lack of urban development within the area;

Whereas, after due consideration of the benefits and burdens associated with maintaining the Property within the City corporate limits, including the burden on taxpayers and preservation of

natural resources in the East Blaine Area, the City Council has determined that the burden outweighs any benefits and that the Property should be considered for removal from the City corporate boundaries;

Whereas, the City Council desires to submit the question to the voters at the general election to be held on November 4, 2025, whereupon should three fifths (3/5ths) of the voters favor removal of the Property from the City corporate limits, the City Council shall adopt an ordinance removing said Property;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Blaine as follows:

Section 1. Findings – Exhibits. The City Council adopts the above recitals as findings in support of this Resolution, and hereby incorporates Exhibits A, B, C, D and E into this Resolution.

Section 2. Election – Ballot Title. The City Council directs staff to submit the attached proposition (Exhibit C, the Proposition) to the voters at the general election to be held on November 4, 2025 by filling a certified copy of this Resolution with the Auditor of Whatcom County and take such other action as is necessary therefor under applicable State law. The City Council further requests that the Auditor of Whatcom County, as ex officio supervisor of elections, call and conduct a special election in the City on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting the Proposition to the qualified voters of the City for their approval or rejection.

Section 3. Territory Described. Pursuant to Chapter 35A.16 RCW, this Resolution identifies the Territory to be excluded and removed from the City's corporate limits (Exhibits A and B) and the corporate limits of the City as it will exist after exclusion of the Territory (Exhibit D).

Section 4. Voter's Pamphlet Committees. Pursuant to RCW 29A.32.280, the following individuals are appointed to serve on the voter's pamphlet committees, one committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval of the Proposition and one committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the Proposition:

Committee to prepare arguments for Proposition:

1. Richard May
2. Amy Ernlund

Committee to prepare arguments against Proposition:

1. Jay Taber

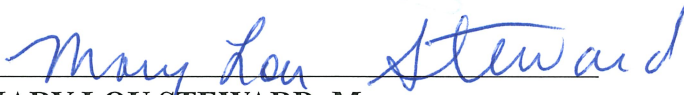
Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this Resolution and shall in no way

affect the validity of the other provisions of this Resolution or of any other ordinance or Resolution.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

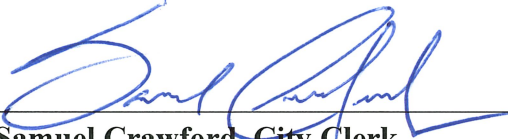
Passed by majority vote of the City of Blaine City Council in open meeting this 14 day of July, 2025.

CITY OF BLAINE COUNCIL



MARY LOU STEWARD, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:



Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORY TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CITY OF BLAINE

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACTS:

GOVERNMENT LOTS 1 AND 2, TOGETHER WITH THE EAST HALF OF THE
SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH RANGE 1 EAST
OF W.M.

GOVERNMENT LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4, TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH HALF OF
SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH RANGE 1 EAST OF W.M.

GOVERNMENT LOT 4, TOGETHER WITH THE WEST HALF OF THE
SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH RANGE 1 EAST
OF W.M.

ALL OF H STREET ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ABUTTING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED
PARCELS LYING WITHIN SECTIONS 2, 3 AND 4, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE
1 EAST OF W.M.

SITUATE IN WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH ALL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS
AND/OR AGREEMENTS OF RECORD OR OTHERWISE

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**EXHIBIT C
BALLOT PROPOSITION**

CITY OF BLAINE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

REDUCTION OF CITY LIMITS

The City Council of the City of Blaine adopted Resolution No. 1982-25 concerning removal of rural East Blaine land from City corporate limits.

This measure would authorize the City of Blaine to remove 573.0 acres more or less of undeveloped rural land from the City limits in accordance with Chapter 35A.16 RCW. The land includes the most eastern portion of the City limits and is located north of H Street and south of the Canadian border. The land lacks urban infrastructure and is anticipated to remain rural for the foreseeable future.

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ Yes

☐ No

EXHIBIT D
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CORPORATE CITY LIMITS AFTER REMOVAL OF
THE SUBJECT TERRITORY

CURRENT CITY LIMITS EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACTS:

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The map shows the city of Blaine, Minnesota, situated on the southern shore of Lake Superior. The city is highlighted in blue and is bordered by the Canadian border to the north. Major roads shown include Highway 169 (Dodge Ave) running north-south and Highway 10 (Hwy 10) running east-west. The Semiahmoo Golf and Country Club is located to the west of the city, and the Loom Trail Country Club is to the east. The city of Douglas is located to the north, and Haynie is to the east. The map also shows the locations of the Semiahmoo and Loom Trail Country Clubs, and the city of Douglas. The map is a detailed street map of the Blaine area, showing the city's location relative to the Canadian border and Lake Superior.