

June 19, 2019

Northwest Water Association
Attn: Mr. Brinkley
5168 Graveline Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

RE: County Council Hearing on Franchise Application

Dear Mr. Brinkley:

For your information, the Council is having a public hearing on the ordinance that would grant Northwest Water Association a non-exclusive franchise (please see the enclosed hearing notice). You may wish to post copies of this notice in the vicinity of the areas that are included in your franchise application. I have enclosed a copy of the public hearing notice for your records. The hearing is scheduled for July 23. The Council meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and is located in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

You, or a representative, are encouraged to attend the hearing. Council will consider statements made during the hearing in making its final decision. If the ordinance is adopted, you will receive an "Acceptance of Franchise" form and an invoice from our office within a few weeks of the adoption date. Your franchise is not truly granted until the notarized Acceptance of Franchise is returned to our office along with payment. It will then be recorded by the County Auditor and a copy will be mailed to you.

Thank you, and please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Marina Engels, CMC
Deputy Clerk of the Council

Enc. Hearing Notice

C: Public Works Administration
Christopher Quinn, Prosecutor's Office
Andrew Hester, Public Works
AB 2019-347

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Whatcom County Council will have a public hearing, will consider adopting, and may amend the following at its July 23, 2019 meeting, or at a later date:

ORDINANCE GRANTING NORTHWEST WATER ASSOCIATION A FRANCHISE AND THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE, AND AUTHORITY THEREUNDER TO LOCATE, SET, ERECT, LAY, CONSTRUCT, EXTEND, SUPPORT, ATTACH, CONNECT, MAINTAIN, REPAIR, REPLACE, ENLARGE, OPERATE AND USE FACILITIES IN, UPON, ALONG, ACROSS AND THROUGH THE FRANCHISE AREA TO ALLOW FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES (2019-347): This ordinance grants a 25 year non-exclusive franchise to construct, erect, alter, lay, support, connect, improve, renew, replace, repair, operate and maintain water transmission and distribution facilities upon, under, over across and along certain roads and other areas in Whatcom County. The "Franchise Area" is legally described as follows: all public county roads, county public ways, and county property now owned or hereafter dedicated to the County with Sections 33, 34, and 35, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of W.M., and Sections 2 and 3, Township 38 North, Range 2 East of W.M. in Whatcom County, Washington as may hereafter be amended and attached hereto. In addition, any portion of Smith Road, Northwest Drive, Waschke Road, Aldrich Road, Slater Road, and Pacific Highway outside of the previous described area. "Facilities" means collectively, any and all water transmission and distribution systems, including but not limited to tanks, meters, pipes, mains, services, valves, manholes, pressure reducing valves ("PRVs"), pump stations, meter stations and any and all other equipment, appliances, attachments, appurtenances and other items necessary, convenient, or in any way appertaining to any and all of the foregoing, whether the same be located over or under ground.

Council introduced the above at its June 18, 2019 meeting. Public documents are available for review in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, or at <https://whatcom.legistar.com>.

Meetings are in the Council Chambers, same address, at 7 PM unless otherwise announced. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs or disabilities who will be attending this meeting are asked to please contact our office (360-778-5010 or 800-676-6757) at least 96 hours in advance, so that we may make any needed accommodations. If interpretive services or transportation is needed, please call more than two days ahead of time.

Dated June 19

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Rud Browne Dana Brown-Davis
Council Chair Clerk of the Council

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