

Exhibit A

ACCEPTANCE OF FRANCHISE

Whatcom County Water District #7

The Whatcom County Council at its meeting of July 8, 2025, adopted Ordinance 2025-032 approving the application for franchise filed by Whatcom County Water District #7. The petition and all related documents are available for review in the Council Office as file number AB2025-418.

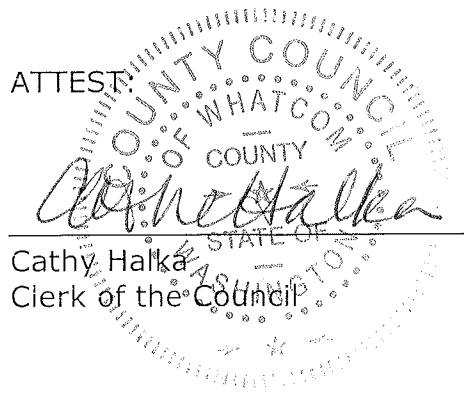
Whatcom County Water District #7 hereby accepts, subject to all the conditions contained in Ordinance 2025-032, that certain non-exclusive franchise to locate, set, erect, lay, construct, extend, support, attach, connect, maintain, repair, replace, enlarge, operate and use facilities in, upon, over, under, along, across and through the franchise area to allow for the provision of water services, along, in, over, under and across certain public roads, streets, highway and rights-of-way, now existing or hereafter established, as follows:

Within the boundaries of Township 38 North, Range 3 East, Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 24 in Whatcom County, Washington.

Granting of this franchise becomes official upon receipt from the petitioner of this signed and notarized document, and payment by petitioner of publication costs incurred by the County Council Office.

This franchise, when granted, shall be in effect for a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years and subject to all terms, conditions, and limitations of the franchise.

ATTEST:



Cathy Halka
Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway
Kaylee Galloway
Council Chair

Agent for the petitioner, Agent/Applicant Name: Mark Lann

MARK LANN

Date: 8/13/25

State of Washington)
County of Whatcom) ss.

Signed and sworn to before me on this 12th day of Aug. 2025, by

Mark Lann
Mark Lann



Deanna Dobbs
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,
residing at Whatcom County

My notary commission expires Feb. 15, 2029

Effective Date of this franchise: July 24, 2025



RETURN DOCUMENT TO:

WHATCOM COUNTY
COUNCIL OFFICE
311 GRAND AVE, SUITE 105
BELLINGHAM, WA 98225

DOCUMENT TITLE(S): FRANCHISE

Ordinance No. 2025-032 granting Whatcom County Water District #7 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, over, under, along, across and through the franchise area to allow for the provision of water services.

REFERENCE NUMBER(S) OF DOCUMENTS ASSIGNED OR RELEASED:

Ordinance Number: 2025-032

Additional reference numbers found on page _____ of document.

GRANTOR(S):

Whatcom County

Additional grantors found on page _____ of document.

GRANTEE(S):

Whatcom County Water District #7

Additional grantees found on page _____ of document.

ABBREVIATED LEGAL DESCRIPTION (Lot, block, plat, or section, township, range)

All rights-of-way within Township 38 North, Range 3 East, Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 24 Whatcom County (northern Bellingham City Limits)

Additional legal description can be found on page _____ of document.

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER:

None
