

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-22

**A RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE ANNEXATION OF THE CORDATA PARK SITE IN BELLINGHAM'S NORTHERN URBAN GROWTH AREA (UGA) TO THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM**

**WHEREAS**, according to RCW 35.13.125 not less than ten percent of the residents of an area to be annexed or the owners of not less than ten percent in property value, according to the assessed valuation for general taxation of the property for which annexation is petitioned, shall notify the legislative body of the city or town in writing of their intention to commence annexation proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, under RCW 35.13.125, the legislative body is to hold a meeting not later than sixty days after the filing of the petition with the initiating parties to determine whether the city would accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation, whether it shall require the simultaneous adoption of the comprehensive plan, and whether it shall require the assumption of all or any portion of existing city indebtedness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellingham acquired the property in 2007 to develop as a neighborhood park; and

**WHEREAS**, the property is approximately 20 acres located adjacent to the city limits east of Aldrich Road and adjacent to unimproved West Horton Road; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2008, the City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department submitted a ten percent petition to annex the subject property known as Cordata Park Annexation to the City of Bellingham; and

**WHEREAS**, the petition represents 100 percent in property value, according to the assessed valuation for general taxation of the property for which annexation is petitioned, as shown in Exhibit A; and;

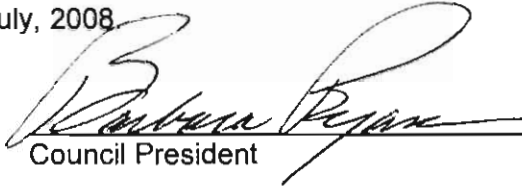
**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2008, the City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department held a Neighborhood meeting regarding the proposed annexation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bellingham City Council held a meeting on July 21, 2008 to determine whether the City would accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation, whether it shall require the simultaneous adoption of new comprehensive plan and zoning designations, and whether it shall require the assumption of all or any portion of existing city indebtedness;

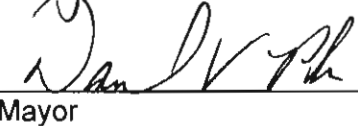
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:**

1. The City accepts the ten percent petition to annex to the City of Bellingham for further evaluation in accordance with City regulations and State law with the proposed annexation boundary as shown on Exhibit A;
2. City staff is directed to provide additional information regarding the proposed annexation, including an evaluation of the potential benefits and service impacts of the proposed annexation; and
3. If the annexation is approved, the City will require simultaneous adoption of new comprehensive plan, zoning and development regulations consistent with Bellingham's Comprehensive Plan and require the annexed area to assume its fair share of the City's indebtedness.

**PASSED** by the Council this 21st day of July, 2008

  
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Council President

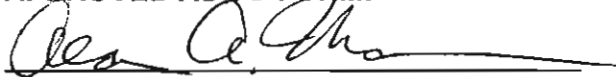
**APPROVED** by me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2008.

  
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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Finance Director

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Office of the City Attorney

# Cordata Park Annexation

## LOCATION - MAP 1

# EXHIBIT A



City of Bellingham  
 Planning & Community  
 Development Department, 2008

