CITY OF SAMMAMISH
WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. R2013-549

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE KLAHANIE POTENTIAL ANNEXATION AREA

WHEREAS, in 1995 the Klahanie area was included in the Issaquah Comprehensive Plan as a Potential Annexation Area (PAA); and

WHEREAS, in August 1999 the City of Sammamish incorporated an area of unincorporated King County formerly in the PAAs for Redmond and Issaquah; however no adjustment was made to the Klahanie PAA to reflect the Sammamish incorporation; and

WHEREAS, since incorporation the City of Sammamish has completed an annexation study of its designated PAAs, and adopted contingent land use and zoning designations for those areas; and

WHEREAS Sammamish has accepted four petitions for annexation, and all of those areas are now part of Sammamish; and

WHEREAS, in May 2001 the Sammamish City Council first expressed the desire to include the Klahanie area as part of the Sammamish PAA; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2002 the City of Issaquah signed a Memorandum Of Understanding with Sammamish that agreed to initiate removal of Klahanie from the Issaquah PAA; and

WHEREAS, in September, 2002 the Issaquah City Council reaffirmed its intention to retain Klahanie in the Issaquah PAA; and

WHEREAS, in November 2005 Klahanie residents voted to annex to Issaquah but to not accept a pro rata share of existing Issaquah debt, and subsequently the Issaquah City Council rejected Klahanie annexation due to this issue; and

WHEREAS, in June, 2013 the Sammamish City Council unanimously approved a motion supporting annexation of Klahanie to Sammamish if an attempt to annex to Issaquah fails; and

WHEREAS, in July, 2013 the Issaquah City Council approved a resolution of intent to annex Klahanie by the election method in early 2014 and subsequently invoked the jurisdiction of the King County Boundary Review Board (BRB); and

WHEREAS, the BRB held Public Hearings on September 18 and 19, 2013 on this subject at which Klahanie residents and representatives of the Cities of Issaquah and Sammamish testified; and

WHEREAS, Klahanie is an unincorporated area of the Sammamish Plateau that is adjacent to the City of Sammamish on two of its three sides for a total common boundary of 3.5 miles or approximately ten times the common boundary with Issaquah; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the children in Klahanie reside within the attendance areas for Skyline High School and other district schools located in Sammamish; and

WHEREAS, the Sammamish City Council has heard from many Klahanie residents that they identify with the Sammamish Plateau and utilize the Sammamish Library, Sammamish parks, shops, and schools, and that they attend many Sammamish city events; and

WHEREAS, public services can be efficiently and safely provided by the City of Sammamish to the Klahanie area and the City's financial conditions is strong and stable.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Sammamish City Council believes that the residents of the Klahanie area deserve the opportunity for an informed choice between annexation to either the City of Sammamish or the City of Issaquah.

2. The City Manager is directed to include in the upcoming studies conducted for the Comprehensive Plan Rewrite the addition of Klahanie as a Potential Annexation Area, as shown on the map in Attachment A. Such studies may include critical areas, zoning, infrastructure, logical boundaries, public services and projected costs and revenues to serve the proposed annexation.

3. In accordance with the requirements and provisions of applicable state law, Sammamish may proceed with consideration of an annexation of Klahanie following amendment of the Countywide Planning Policies.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 1st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013.

CITY OF SAMMAMISH

Mayor Thomas T. Odell

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Michael R. Kenyon, City Attorney

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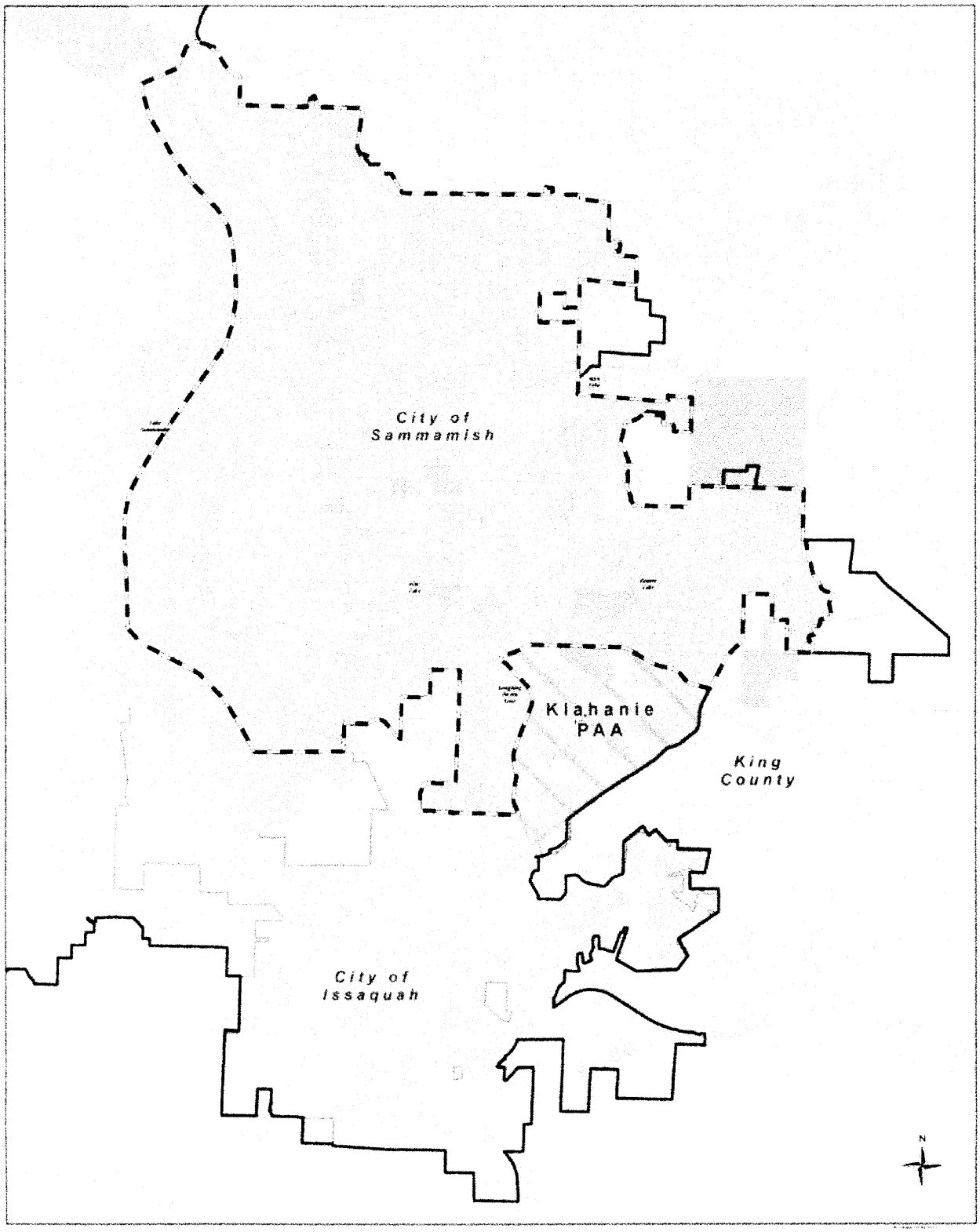
Attachment A: Map of Klahanie Potential Annexation Area