

RCW [35.13.125](#)

Direct petition method—Commencement of proceedings—Notice to legislative body—Meeting—Assumption of indebtedness—Comprehensive plan.

Proceedings for the annexation of territory pursuant to RCW [35.13.130](#), [35.13.140](#), [35.13.150](#), [35.13.160](#) and [35.13.170](#) shall be commenced as provided in this section. Prior to the circulation of a petition for annexation, the initiating party or parties who, except as provided in RCW [28A.335.110](#), shall be either not less than ten percent of the residents of the area to be annexed or the owners of not less than ten percent in 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. The legislative body shall set a date, not later than sixty days after the filing of the request, for a meeting with the initiating parties to determine whether the city or town will accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation, whether it shall require the simultaneous adoption of the comprehensive plan if such plan has been prepared and filed for the area to be annexed as provided for in RCW [35.13.177](#) and [35.13.178](#), and whether it shall require the assumption of all or of any portion of existing city or town indebtedness by the area to be annexed. If the legislative body requires the assumption of all or of any portion of indebtedness and/or the adoption of a comprehensive plan, it shall record this action in its minutes and the petition for annexation shall be so drawn as to clearly indicate this fact. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the legislative body.

[[1990 c 33 § 565](#); [1989 c 351 § 3](#); [1973 1st ex.s. c 164 § 11](#); [1971 c 69 § 1](#); [1965 ex.s. c 88 § 10](#); [1965 c 7 § 35.13.125](#). Prior: [1961 c 282 § 18](#).]

NOTES:

Purpose—Statutory references—Severability—1990 c 33: See RCW [28A.900.100](#) through [28A.900.102](#).

Severability—1971 c 69: "If any provision of this 1971 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [[1971 c 69 § 5](#).]

RCW [35.13.130](#)

Direct petition method—Petition—Signers—Content.

A petition for annexation of an area contiguous to a city or town may be made in writing addressed to and filed with the legislative body of the municipality to which annexation is desired. Except where all the property sought to be annexed is property of a school district, and the school directors thereof file the petition for annexation as in

RCW [28A.335.110](#) authorized, the petition must be signed by the owners of not less than sixty percent in value according to the assessed valuation for general taxation of the property for which annexation is petitioned: PROVIDED, That in cities and towns with populations greater than one hundred sixty thousand located east of the Cascade mountains, the owner of tax exempt property may sign an annexation petition and have the tax exempt property annexed into the city or town, but the value of the tax exempt property shall not be used in calculating the sufficiency of the required property owner signatures unless only tax exempt property is proposed to be annexed into the city or town. The petition shall set forth a description of the property according to government legal subdivisions or legal plats which is in compliance with RCW [35.02.170](#), and shall be accompanied by a plat which outlines the boundaries of the property sought to be annexed. If the legislative body has required the assumption of all or of any portion of city or town indebtedness by the area annexed, and/or the adoption of a comprehensive plan for the area to be annexed, these facts, together with a quotation of the minute entry of such requirement or requirements shall be set forth in the petition.

[[2009 c 60 § 3](#); [1990 c 33 § 566](#); [1981 c 66 § 1](#); [1975 1st ex.s. c 220 § 8](#); [1973 1st ex.s. c 164 § 12](#); [1971 c 69 § 2](#); [1965 ex.s. c 88 § 11](#); [1965 c 7 § 35.13.130](#).

Prior: [1961 c 282 § 19](#); [1945 c 128 § 3](#); Rem. Supp. 1945 § 8908-12.]

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Purpose—Statutory references—Severability—1990 c 33: See RCW [28A.900.100](#) through [28A.900.102](#).

Severability—1981 c 66: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [[1981 c 66 § 2](#).]

Legislative finding, intent—1975 1st ex.s. c 220: See note following RCW [35.02.170](#).

Severability—1971 c 69: See note following RCW [35.13.125](#).

RCW [35.13.140](#)

Direct petition method—Notice of hearing.

Whenever a petition for annexation is filed with the city or town council, or commission in those cities having a commission form of government, which meets the requirements herein specified, of which fact satisfactory proof may be required by the council or commission, the council or commission may entertain the same, fix a date for a public hearing thereon and cause notice of the hearing to be published in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town. The notice shall also be posted in three public places within the territory proposed for annexation, and shall specify the time and place of hearing and invite interested persons to appear and voice approval or disapproval of the annexation. The expense of publication and posting of the notice shall be borne by the signers of the petition.

[[1965 c 7 § 35.13.140](#). Prior: [1945 c 128 § 2](#); Rem. Supp. 1945 § 8908-11.] [SLC-RO-8.]

RCW [35.13.150](#)

Direct petition method—Ordinance providing for annexation.

Following the hearing, the council or commission shall determine by ordinance whether annexation shall be made. Subject to RCW [35.02.170](#), they may annex all or any portion of the proposed area but may not include in the annexation any property not described in the petition. Upon passage of the ordinance a certified copy shall be filed with the board of county commissioners of the county in which the annexed property is located.

[[1975 1st ex.s. c 220 § 9](#); [1965 c 7 § 35.13.150](#). Prior: [1957 c 239 § 5](#); prior: 1945 c 128 § 4, part; Rem. Supp. 1945 § 8908-13, part.]

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Legislative finding, intent—1975 1st ex.s. c 220: See note following RCW [35.02.170](#).

RCW [35.13.160](#)

Direct petition method—Effective date of annexation or annexation and comprehensive plan—Assessment, taxation of territory annexed.

Upon the date fixed in the ordinance of annexation the area annexed shall become part of the city or town. All property within the territory hereafter annexed shall, if the annexation petition so provided, be assessed and taxed at the same rate and on the same basis as the property of such annexing city or town is assessed and taxed to pay for all or of any portion of the then outstanding indebtedness of the city or town to which said area is annexed, approved by the voters, contracted, or incurred prior to, or existing at, the date of annexation. If the annexation petition so provided, all property in the annexed area shall be subject to and a part of the comprehensive plan as prepared and filed as provided for in RCW [35.13.177](#) and [35.13.178](#).