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Staff Report and Recommendation

Date: November 19, 2014
To: Kalama City Council
From: Matt Buchanan, City Planner
Re: Corporate Boundary Line Adjustment at Oak Street and Interstate 5

Proposal

City of Kalama staff is pursuing a Corporate Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement with Cowlitz County regarding a small area of right-of-way at the intersections of Oak Street with Interstate 5, W. Frontage Road, and E. Frontage Road. The legal description of this area is presented in Exhibit A. A map of the area is presented in Exhibit B. The purpose of this adjustment is to eliminate complications relating to jurisdiction over emergency response and road maintenance operations.

Per Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35A.21.210, a revision of a corporate boundary shall become effective when approved by ordinance of the city council and by ordinance or resolution of the county legislative authority. Such a boundary revision is not subject to potential review by a boundary review board.

Findings

Staff has examined the merits of the proposal to adjust the Corporate Boundary Line at the intersections of Oak Street with Interstate 5, E. Frontage Road, and W. Frontage Road. City planning staff offers the following findings:

1. The current Corporate Boundary Line location in the Vicinity of Oak Street and Interstate 5 places key intersections outside Kalama City Limits. This placement of the Corporate Boundary Line causes complications relating to jurisdiction over emergency response and road maintenance operations in the area.
2. The proposed revision of the Corporate Boundary Line location will incorporate the aforementioned intersections inside the City Limits, eliminating complications for local and county Public Works staffs, as well as the Kalama Police Department, and the Cowlitz County Sheriff.
3. This Corporate Boundary Line adjustment includes an undevelopable area of Right-of-Way currently used for transportation and utilities. The area does not include the

annexation of private property. Therefore, typical annexation processes, as required by Kalama Municipal Code (KMC) 18.04 and Washington State RCW Chapter 35A.14, do not apply.

Recommendation

Based on the above findings, City planning staff recommends that the Kalama City Council approve Ordinance Number 1348, to allow for a Corporate Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement with Cowlitz County.