**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Long Road Annexation Proposal**

**How will this annexation affect me financially?**

1. The City of Centralia currently charges a premium to all customers in the UGA receiving City utilities. If you are receiving water service and sewer you should expect your rates to drop by approximately one third. City Light bills will be reduced by about ten percent.

2. The assessed rate for property tax is lower in the City than it is in Lewis County. Property owners with an assessed value of $150,000 could anticipate a drop of approximately $145 a year in property taxes.

3. You will be required to have garbage service and dog licenses. The current fee being assessed to property owners within City Limits for storm water is six dollars a month.

4. A six percent utility tax will be levied against all phone services and natural gas services. Cable TV services will be assessed eight percent in franchise and local taxes.

**How will this affect my property use?**

1. Currently the City of Centralia regulates all building and land use in this area so there will be no changes in these two areas.

2. The City of Centralia will become responsible for street maintenance and police services.

**How will this annexation affect my business?**

1. You will be required to have a City business license to operate a business.

2. Sales tax will increase from 7.8% to 8.0%.

3. Storm water fees will be assessed based upon the amount of impervious surface at your business. Contact customer service at 360.330.7657 for assistance with fee determination.

**Who will I vote for?**

Currently, residents of the UGA participate in Lewis County elections. If this area becomes annexed, you would then participate in City of Centralia elections.

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**Important Dates to Remember**

**September 9, 2013**— All written comments and signed petitions must be returned to the City by 5 PM on this date.

**September 23, 2013**— The City of Centralia Site Plan Review Committee will make a recommendation to the Planning Commission on this proposed annexation.

**October 10, 2013**— The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council on this proposal.

**For Questions Contact:**

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Proposed Long Road Annexation Area
Petition for Annexation to the City of Centralia, Washington

Requires 60% participation based on assessed value of all properties within proposed annexation area.

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON, Lewis County, 118 W Maple Street, Centralia, Washington 98531

We, the undersigned, being the owners of not less than sixty percent (60%) in value, of the real property herein described, do hereby petition that such territory be annexed to and made a part of the City of Centralia.

The territory proposed to be annexed is within Lewis County, Washington. A legal description of the property is attached hereto in Exhibit A and a map which outlines the boundaries of the property is attached hereto in Exhibit B.

The City Council of the City of Centralia met with the initiating parties at a Council Meeting on February 27, 2007, and did determine that the City would accept the proposed annexation if the petition is signed by the required number of parties. At said meeting, the City Council did also determine, as disclosed by the minute entry regarding the same in the minutes of said Council meeting that it would:

1. Accept the proposed annexation as outlined in the Notice of Intention to Commence Annexation Proceeding;
2. Accept the zoning as it exists on the date of adoption of the annexation; and
3. Require the assumption of existing City indebtedness by the area to be annexed.

The City’s development regulations and zoning code have been applied in the area since 2003, by the City through an interlocal agreement with Lewis County. The City’s zoning will continue to be applied in this area.

This page is one of a number of pages forming one petition seeking the annexation of territory to the City of Centralia, Washington, as above stated, and may be filed with other pages containing additional signatures.

NOTE: Please read before signing the petition:

The signature of a record owner, as determined by the records of the county auditor, shall be sufficient without the signature of his or her spouse.

In case of mortgaged property, the signature of the mortgagor shall be sufficient, without the signature of his or her spouse.

In the case of property purchased on contract, the signature of the contract purchaser, as shown by the records of the county auditor, shall be deemed sufficient without the signature of his or her spouse.

Any officer of a corporation owning land within the area involved, who is duly authorized to execute deeds or encumbrances on behalf of the corporation, may sign on behalf of such corporation and shall attach to the petition a certified excerpt from the bylaws of such corporation showing such authority.

When property stands in the name of a deceased person or any person for whom a guardian has been appointed the signature of the executor, administrator, or guardian, as the case may be, shall be equivalent to the signature of the owner of the property.

When a parcel of property is owned by multiple owners, the signature of an owner designated by the multiple owners is sufficient.

Names of the petitioners should be in identical form as the same appear of record in the chain of title to the real estate.

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WARNING

Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, or who knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, or signs a petition seeking an election when he or she is not a legal voter, or signs a petition when he or she is otherwise not qualified to sign, or who makes herein any false statement, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.