

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER)	ORDINANCE 1368
INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE)	
CITY OF CHEHALIS FOR THE CITY TO ANNEX TERRITORY)	
WITHIN THE CITY OF CHEHALIS URBAN GROWTH AREA)	

WHEREAS, Lewis County designated an urban growth area for the City of Chehalis as required by the Growth Management Act (GMA) pursuant to RCW 36.70A; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.110(7) states, “An urban growth area designated in accordance with this section may include within its boundaries ... potential annexation areas designated for specific cities and towns in the county”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chehalis is a non-charter code city incorporated under the Optional Municipal Code, pursuant to RCW 35A, and has authority under RCW 35A.14 to annex property within its urban growth area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chehalis desires to annex the designated Chehalis Annexation Area (hereinafter referred to as “CAA”) as shown in Exhibit A, Interlocal Agreement, utilizing the annexation method provided in RCW 35A.14.472; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.14.472 allows the City of Chehalis and Lewis County to enter into an Interlocal Agreement to annex the CAA, Exhibit A, and this Agreement does not create or authorize the creation of a separate legal or administrative entity but instead is an agreement for joint or cooperative action; and

WHEREAS, the Chehalis City Council passed Resolution 04-2025 on April 28, 2025, directing City staff to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with Lewis County for the Annexation subject to this; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution 25-233 on August 26, 2025, directing County staff to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Chehalis for the Annexation subject to this; and

WHEREAS, the Annexation is exempt from compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act pursuant to RCW 43.21C.222; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chehalis and Lewis County published a notice of public hearing on September 18, 2025, in the legal newspaper of record, as required by RCW 35A.14.472 (1); and

WHEREAS, both jurisdictions have provided for broad public dissemination of materials and information pertaining to the annexation through publication on each jurisdiction’s website and as hard copy by request; and

WHEREAS, after effective notice was given, a joint public hearing was held by each legislative body on October 20, 2025, concerning the adoption of the Interlocal Agreement, Exhibit A, as required by RCW 35A.14.472 (1) with the opportunity for written public comments and consideration and response to public comments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chehalis finds that the annexation will result in a balance of commercial, industrial, and residential properties, as required by RCW 35A.14.472 (3)(a); and

WHEREAS, the City of Chehalis and Lewis County have coordinated the transfer and maintenance of infrastructure in the CAA, as required by RCW 35A.14.472 (3)(b); and

WHEREAS the City of Chehalis and Lewis County have evaluated the potential for revenue sharing agreements as required by RCW 35A.14.472 (3)(c).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners finds the Interlocal Agreement, Exhibit A, is consistent with the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan and Countywide Planning Policies and is in the public interest; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement for annexation of the urban growth area per the term of the agreement, as shown in Exhibit A.

PASSED DURING A SPECIAL MEETING on this 20th day of October 2025, following a public hearing publicized in the newspaper of record on September 2, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: David Bailey, Chief Civil DPA

Scott J. Brummer, BOCC Chair

ATTEST:

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Rieva Lester, CMC, Clerk of the Board

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