

RESOLUTION _____

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2 A RESOLUTION calling for the annexation, by election, of contiguous unincorporated territory
3 to the City of Seattle, referenced as the North Highline Annexation Area, and generally
4 lying in an area south of the corporate boundaries of Seattle, west of the corporate
5 boundaries of Tukwila (but not including unincorporated territory lying along the western
6 bank of the Duwamish River and north of S Director Street or a line extended eastward
7 from the eastern terminus of S Director Street), north of the corporate boundaries of
8 Burien, and east of Seola Beach Drive and 30th Avenue SW.

9 WHEREAS, the Washington State Growth Management Act and the King County Countywide
10 Planning Policies encourage transition of unincorporated urban and urbanized areas
11 within Potential Annexation Areas from county governance to city governance; and

12 WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that, based on current information, it would be in
13 the best interest and general welfare of the City of Seattle and the North Highline
14 Annexation Area to annex certain unincorporated territory lying generally south of the
15 existing City of Seattle corporate boundary, referenced as the North Highline Annexation
16 Area and shown on Exhibit A to this resolution; and

17 WHEREAS, the North Highline Annexation Area is within the City of Seattle's Potential
18 Annexation Area adopted pursuant to Seattle City Council Ordinance 122313; and

19 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle may decide to withdraw this resolution or may need to delay
20 annexation if: (1) negotiations with special districts or King County result in an
21 unfavorable resolution of associated issues from the City's perspective; (2) the State
22 revokes the sales and use tax that Seattle is currently entitled to impose under RCW
23 82.14.415 that diverts \$5 million annually from state sales taxes to the City to offset
24 municipal service costs for newly annexed areas; or (3) the City Council otherwise
25 determines that best interest and general welfare of the City of Seattle would not be
26 served by the annexation; and

27 WHEREAS, assuming the Boundary Review Board process proceeds in a timely fashion and the
28 City does not encounter a reason to withdraw this resolution, the City Council intends to
call for an annexation election in the North Highline Annexation area in November 2011;
NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. The best interest and general welfare of the City of Seattle would be served by
the annexation of contiguous unincorporated territory to the City of Seattle, referenced as the

1 North Highline Annexation Area and shown on Exhibit A to this resolution, and generally lying
2 in an area south of the corporate boundaries of Seattle, west of the corporate boundaries of
3 Tukwila (but not including unincorporated territory lying along the western bank of the
4 Duwamish River and north of S Director Street or a line extended eastward from the eastern
5 terminus of S Director Street), north of the corporate boundaries of Burien, and east of Seola
6 Beach Drive and 30th Avenue SW.

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8 Section 2. By passing this resolution, the City of Seattle is taking the initial necessary
9 step to hold an annexation election in the North Highline Annexation Area, but the City reserves
10 the right to withdraw this resolution should the City later determine it is not in the City's best
11 interest and general welfare.

12 Section 3. As nearly as can be determined, the number of voters residing in the North
13 Highline Annexation Area is 7,105.

14 Section 4. The City Council calls for an election to be held pursuant to Chapter 35.13
15 RCW to submit the proposal for annexation to the voters of the North Highline Annexation Area.

16 Section 5. In addition to seeking the proposed annexation, the City may seek approval
17 from the voters in the North Highline Annexation Area for all property in that area to be taxed at
18 the same rate and on the same basis as property currently within the City of Seattle is taxed to
19 pay for the City's outstanding debt.

20 Section 6. The cost of the annexation election shall be paid by the City of Seattle.

21 Section. 7. The City Clerk shall file a certified copy of this resolution with the King
22 County Council and the Washington State Boundary Review Board for King County.

1 Section. 8. Following completion of the steps identified in King County Countywide
2 Planning Policy LU-32, the Executive shall file with the Washington State Boundary Review
3 Board for King County a Notice of Intention hereof as required by RCW 36.93.090.

4 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2011, and
5 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day
6 of _____, 2011.

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9 President _____ of the City Council

10 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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14 Michael McGinn, Mayor

15 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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18 City Clerk

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22 Exhibit A: Map of North Highline Annexation Area
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