

City of Shoreline Proposition No. 1:

Acquisition and local control of Seattle water services in Shoreline

Shoreline's vision is to provide high quality public services, utilities, and infrastructure that protect public health and safety, accommodate anticipated growth, and enhance the quality of life. As part of that effort, on August 6, the Shoreline City Council passed Ordinance No. 644 concerning Shoreline's acquisition and operation of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) water services within Shoreline west of Interstate 5.

If approved by Shoreline voters, Proposition No. 1 would authorize Shoreline to acquire and operate the SPU water system in Shoreline. The \$26.6 million acquisition in 2020 and \$14.2 million in pre-acquisition improvements (without adjustment for inflation) would be financed by water rates in the acquired service area. As part of the City's due diligence process, the City Council found the cost to acquire, operate, and maintain the system would result in rates equal to or lower than SPU's projected charges. In addition, acquisition would not impact property taxes, nor would it impact the service and rates in areas served by the Shoreline Water District.

Shoreline ratepayers would have local control over rates and services, upgrades and investments. Currently, these decisions are made by Seattle elected officials. Acquisition of the SPU water system would also mean Shoreline residents would no longer pay a surcharge to the City of Seattle to help subsidize Seattle ratepayers' rates and they would no longer pay a utility tax to the City of Seattle, which goes directly into Seattle's general fund to help fund Seattle parks, police and fire.

Acquisition would also allow revenues to be reinvested in Shoreline instead of the entire SPU system and enable the City to focus on system improvements to help improve Shoreline's commercial districts and increase water flow for firefighting throughout the City. Shoreline's acquisition would make permitting for property improvements easier and less expensive by reducing the number of government entities involved.

2013 Budget adoption schedule

Shoreline's budget adoption process began with a preliminary 2013 budget update presentation to the City Council at its September 17 meeting. The full schedule is below. All meetings are Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

- October 15:** Transmittal of Proposed 2013 Budget
- October 22:** Department Budget Reviews
- November 5:** Public Hearing
- November 13:** Public Hearing on Property Tax Levy and Revenue Sources
- November 19:** Final 2013 Budget Discussion
- November 26:** Adoption of 2013 Property Tax Levy and 2013 Budget

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