

Council unanimously approves placing SPU acquisition on November 6 ballot

At its August 6 meeting, Shoreline City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance approving the key terms of the acquisition plan for the acquisition of the Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) water system located in Shoreline. Now Shoreline citizens will vote on whether the acquisition should be approved or rejected. If approved, the City of Shoreline will proceed with negotiating a final agreement with the City of Seattle with an anticipated acquisition date of January 1, 2020.

The reasons Council decided to move forward include:

- Allows Shoreline local control and representation.

- Better able to address capital improvements and a main replacement program.
- Shoreline ratepayers will no longer pay a Seattle utility tax funding Seattle's police, fire and parks.
- 100% of infrastructure and maintenance dollars will be reinvested in Shoreline's system.
- Shoreline ratepayers' will no longer pay a 14% surcharge for living outside of Seattle.
- Above impacts were studied and included as findings by the SPU Citizen Steering Committee.

To learn more about the proposed SPU acquisition, visit shorelinewa.gov/spu.

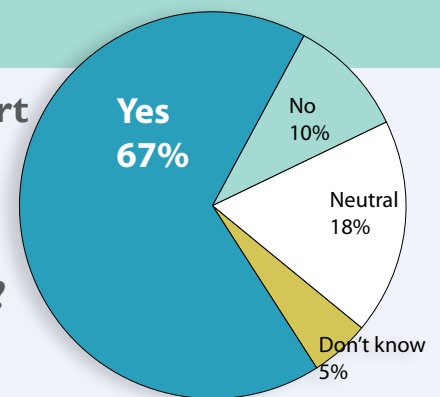
72% of Shoreline residents believe City is moving in right direction

Shoreline residents continue to give their community high marks. Seventy-two percent of Shoreline residents believe the City is moving in the right direction and 92% rate Shoreline as an excellent or good place to live.

Every two years, the City of Shoreline conducts a random sampling survey to measure satisfaction with City services and to help determine community priorities. Surveys are mailed to 3,500 Shoreline households. Of those 891 were completed, far exceeding the validation goal.

An area of concern that arose from the survey this year is residents' perceptions of safety. There was a general decrease in residents feeling of safety across the City from the prior survey in 2010. The City will look closely at this issue to determine what can be done to help improve residents' feelings of safety. However, even with the declines, 78% of residents still feel safe in Shoreline and 91% feel safe in their neighborhoods during the day.

Do you support the City's emphasis on Economic Development?



Other 2012 Highlights include:

- 87% of residents are satisfied with the overall quality of City parks, programs and facilities.
- 75% are satisfied with the overall quality of service provided by the City.
- 83% believe it is important to continue making capital investments to Shoreline facilities.

To learn more about the survey, visit shorelinewa.gov.

Do you think the City of Shoreline is moving in the right direction?

