

**STAFF REPORT****Sno-Isle Library Annexation Agreement**

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**To:** Members of the City Council

**Date:** June 16, 2011

**From:** Debbie L. Mahler, Director of Finance/City Clerk

**Meeting Date:** June 20, 2011

**Subject:** Approval of Library Annexation Agreement

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This staff report presents an Annexation Agreement between the City of Langley and the Sno-Isle Intercounty Rural Library District.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The City has contracted for library services from Sno-Isle since the 1960's. A new agreement was signed in 1998. The Library Services Agreement (LSA) is set to terminate upon annexation to the library district. Last July, the City passed an Ordinance declaring the intent to annex and authorizing the proposition to be put before the voters of the City. That vote was overwhelmingly approved by the voters, and Island County will begin assessing tax in the City for the Library District commencing on January 1, 2012. The contract fee that the City pays to the Library District will cease and operations will be funded by tax revenue.

The Annexation Agreement is the last step in this process. The agreement provides that the City will own and provide at no cost, the library building to the District. The City will maintain its building and grounds. The City will continue to have a local library board as it currently does. The District will provide all services (staff, books, equipment, etc.) and any new or replacement furnishings. The District shall be responsible for janitorial services and payment of utilities.

This is the last step that needs to be taken so that the changes can take affect on January 1, 2012.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Motion to approve the annexation agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign it.