



CITY OF LAKEWOOD

PIERCE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE POLICY MANUAL

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 24, 2016

Annexations:

- Arrowhead/Partridge Glenn

Annexation has been attempted three times, the first two times to Steilacoom (1995 and 1996) and the third time to Lakewood (1997). All three ballot measures failed by a narrow margin (with the number of “yes” votes declining each time). The Arrowhead/Partridge Glenn area remains unincorporated. It has been nearly twenty years since the last annexation attempt was made. The Town of Steilacoom, West Pierce Fire and Rescue, and Pierce County are not opposed to Lakewood annexing this area. Lakewood would consider annexing the area assuming that the known infrastructure issues are addressed by Pierce County and have the support of its residents.

Previous Annexation Votes		
Election Date	Measure	Outcome
February 7, 1995	Annex to Steilacoom	Y 49.84% / N 50.16%
September 17, 1996	Annex to Steilacoom	Y 47.15% / N 52.85%
September 16, 1997	Annex to Lakewood	Y 46.36% / N 53.64%

Source: Pierce Co. Elections

- Camp Murray

Both Lakewood and Camp Murray have shared interests. Primary ingress/egress into Camp Murray and the State Emergency Management Division is through Lakewood. Road improvements have been made to improve access into Camp Murray. Both the City and Camp Murray are located on the shores of American Lake. A boat launch and an enclosed boat storage facility housing fire district and police boats straddle current boundaries. If Pierce County is interested in having this area to be annexed by Lakewood, the City would be interested in discussing possible steps towards annexation to include involvement and participation by Camp Murray.

- Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM)

The Lakewood Urban Growth Areas (UGA) includes the cantonment areas of JBLM. For more than a decade, JBLM has significantly developed the land within the cantonment area. If Pierce County is interested in having this area to be annexed by Lakewood, the City would be interested in discussing possible steps towards annexation to include revisiting the 1998 Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Pierce County, and involvement and participation by JBLM and the Department of Defense (DoD). Additionally, the City would discuss the potential to separately annex the American Lake Veterans Golf Course given its direct access to the City of Lakewood.

Annexation Area Demographics				
UGA	Land Size	Population	Housing Units	Other Amenities
Arrowhead/Partridge Glenn	282 Acres	2,444	924	15 businesses
Camp Murray	295 Acres	1,000 employees	0	Location of Washington State Emergency Operations Center
JBLM	91,000 Acres	58,133	4,901	6 elementary schools, 278 miles of streets, American Lake Veterans Golf Course



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Sewers

The City will continue its efforts to work with Pierce County to establish a more streamlined permitting process. Economic development is a high priority for the City and the sewer system permitting process is a factor that businesses and residents take into consideration when locating in Lakewood. We strive to continue the relationship with Pierce County in establishing a more efficient and effective process that both improves economic development and has a minimal impact on sewer operations.

Air Corridor Population

Lakewood's population allocation should reflect the constraints on the City imposed by the Air Corridor. Population growth estimates already constrain the City and places an unobtainable population estimate of 72,000 residents by 2030. The permanent displacement of 4,185 residents would place a great deal of constraint on population growth in the City. The City hopes to accomplish the following:

- Maintain the 72,000 population allocation now and into the future.
- During the next round of countywide population allocations, petition the Pierce County Growth Management Coordinating Committee (GMCC), the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC), and the Pierce County Council to reduce Lakewood's population allocation. The net effect of such action would mean that the county or other cities would have to make-up the difference. It may also mean that in the future, Lakewood's transportation funding could be restricted.
- Partner with Pierce County and seek state legislative action and pursue an exemption at the state level.
- Before the next round of population allocations, meet with OFM; request that Lakewood's population numbers be adjusted.

Flood Control Zone District (FCZD)

The first FCZD was established in Pierce County in 2010 and included the City of Lakewood. The City, from the start, expressed concern about the equity of having the City of Lakewood, which has substantially lower risk of flood impact than other parts of the county, pay at the same rate as other communities which are at greater impact. The City was also concerned with the potential of the governing board to impose the maximum rate allowable. In 2011 the FCZD was disbanded by a vote of the Pierce County Council but was later reestablished by the Pierce County Council in 2012. In 2013 the maximum allowable rate was \$.25 and \$.10 was the authorized rate. The City supports a flood control zone district based on potential for flood damage rather than the current countywide boundaries. The City further supports rates that better reflect potential for damage from flooding, which is not equal across the county.