**ORDINANCE #25-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROYAL CITY, WASHINGTON ANNEXING PARCEL NO 21-0775-000 TO THE CITY OF ROYAL CITY, WASHINGTON, ASSIGNING C-2 COMMERCIAL ZONING CLASSIFICIATION, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF EXISTING CITY INDEBTEDNESS AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BE EFFECTIVE.**

Recitals:

1. On June 6th, 2023, the City of Royal City, Washington received a notice of intention to commence annexation proceedings pursuant to the “direct petition” method of RCW 35A.14.120 for parcel 210775000; as more fully described in Section 1 of this Ordinance and depicted in Exhibit A, attached hereto.
2. Whereas, on June 20th 2023, the City Council of the City of Royal City, Washington held a public meeting with the annexation initiator pursuant to RCW 35A.14.120 and accepted the annexation area and further determined that the property subject to annexation would be zoned C-2 Commercial, and assume the annexation area’s share of City indebtedness.
3. Whereas, the owners of not less than 60% in value, according to the assessed valuation for general taxation of the property hereinafter described, signed the petition pursuant to RCW 35A.14.120 for the annexation of said area to the City of Royal City, Washington.
4. Whereas, the City provided public notice of the petition for annexation and has provided an opportunity for comment thereon by all interested citizens at a duly called and noticed public hearing.
5. Whereas, on August 1st, 2023, pursuant to proper notice given in accordance with RCW 35A.14.130, the Planning Agency conducted a public hearing on the proposed annexation, and following such hearing recommended City Council approve the annexation request as depicted in Exhibit A.
6. Whereas, on August 15th, 2023, pursuant to proper notice given in accordance with RCW 35A.l4.130, the City Council received and reviewed all of the documentation associated with this annexation proposal, conducted a public hearing on the proposed annexation in accordance with RCW 35A. 14.140 and RCW 35A.l4.330-.340, and following such hearing determined to effect the annexation of the territory described in Section 1 of this ordinance, finding that the petition for annexation met the applicable requirements, and that the best interests of the City of Royal City, Washington, will be served by the annexation and that it is appropriate to good government of the City of Royal City, Washington, and therefore accepted the petition for annexation pursuant to RCW 35A.l4.120.
7. Whereas, the territory described in Section 1 of this ordinance is contiguous to the City of Royal City, Washington and entirely within the City of Royal City Urban Growth Area established pursuant to RCW 36.70A.110.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROYAL CITY, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Annexation. The following described parcels are hereby annexed to and made a part of the City of Royal City, Washington, to wit:

Parcel No 21-0775-000

That portion of Water Delivery Unit 131, Block 85, Columbia Basin Project, lying within the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 16 North, Range 25 East W.M. Grant County, Washington.

Section 2. Assessment and Taxation. All property within the territory so annexed shall be assessed and taxed at the same rate and on the same basis as other property of the City of Royal City, Washington is assessed and taxed to pay for any outstanding indebtedness of the City of Royal City, Washington as presently adopted or as is hereafter amended.

Section 3. Comprehensive Plan Designation. All property within the territory so annexed shall be subject to and a part of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Royal City, Washington as presently adopted or as is hereinafter amended.

Section 4. Land Use Designation and Zoning. All property within the territory so annexed shall be hereby zoned as follows: Grant County Assessor Parcel Number 21-0775-000 shall be zoned C-2 Commercial.

Section 5. Transmittal and Filing. The Royal City City Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance with the Grant County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 6. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid of unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion(s) of this ordinance

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Royal City, WA and signed by its Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Michael Christensen, Mayor

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| ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Janice Flynn, Finance Director | APPROVED AS TO FORM:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Katherine L. Kenison, City Attorney |

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| Vote: | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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Date Effective: June 14, 2025

Exhibit A

