

ULID 35 OBJECTION FORM

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Property Subject to ULID 35 675 Allan St. Blaine WA 98230

Parcel/Geo ID Number 41013290190000

Signature Donald W Scherck Date 5/23/2016

Signature _____ Date _____

Comments (Additional space provided on back of form) Letter Attached.
Added Objections, The City has on several occasions have changed
from the conditions, or rules of the ordinance known as LID-35.
I question the Legality of doing this, as well as stating it is
morally wrong. This type of change erodes trust of Tax payers,
both present and future.

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Vista Terrace LID 35

On February 2, 2011 the City of Blaine Passed Ordinance 11-2786 forming the ULID which became ULID 35. At that time the projected cost of improvements was to be approximately \$12,000 per property. As of January 2013 the City of Blaine increased those costs by 60% to become over \$19,000 per property. As of May 2016 the end costs are now over 90% of the original estimate, to increase the final costs to almost \$23,000 per property. This gross increase has come about due to mismanagement, incompetence, and largely greed in order to supplement the building and operating costs of the sewer treatment plant on the backs of a few property owners in the area which compromise ULID 35.

I am sure that the majority of property owners in this area would have rejected the opportunity to form this ULID had they been given the true costs. The City by reenacting the suspended GFF increased the original estimate by the 60%. The long lapse between initiation and actual start of construction helped to increase the costs by another 30%. While the City was able to obtain a Grant that has been earmarked to cover the GFF, The initial ordinance was passed with out the GFF. It feels morally wrong for the City not to have exempted the ULID 35 area from these fees. If not willing to exempt the area perhaps they should have revisited the formation of the ULID.

The Grant money will cover the GFF, however how much time was spent chasing this Grant and how much did the actual construction costs increase during this time? Remember one of the original reasons for doing the project was the alleged "low bids" due to just coming out of the recession. By taking so long to get started I would imagine that opportunity was lost as construction in the county during 2014 and 2015 was booming. I would hope that the amount of the Grant money would be put towards the actual construction of the sewer lines.

It was stated at the April 26,2016 Vista Terrace Area ULID-Open House that the City Council was going to forgive \$135,000 for the property owners using or abutting H St as they could hook up on H St. I question the fairness of this action as well as the legality, as they were specifically named in the original ULID ordinance. This action is again the City moving the goalposts and changing the rules in mid stream.

The City should be helping the property owners of this area by accepting some of the construction costs for everyone. Especially in light of the only known failing septic system at time of initiation is now being forgiven having to share the significant increase in costs which was out of the property owners control but fully in City control.

For the costs now presented to the property owners, most could have installed a new septic system, and not be looking at \$1200 plus per year sewer fees for as long as they live in Blaine. In my opinion this ULID was instituted for no other reason than the \$70,000 plus per year it will generate to help pay for the albatross of a sewer treatment plant built at the Harbor.

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