

**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**ORDINANCE** 127395  
COUNCIL BILL 121155

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Bitter Lake Reservoir Replacement Project; transferring partial jurisdiction of a portion of Seattle Public Utilities' Bitter Lake Reservoir property to the Seattle Department of Transportation, situated in a portion of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 26 North, Range 4 East, Willamette Meridian, and Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 3, Allendale; designating the property for street and sidewalk purposes; and laying it off as right-of-way.

WHEREAS, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) in 1955 acquired through condemnation the approximately 13.3- acre Bitter Lake Reservoir (BLR) property for utility purposes and the property was accepted by Ordinance 83429; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 SPU built an open reservoir on the property; and

WHEREAS, in response to new drinking water regulations in the 1990s prohibiting open drinking water reservoirs, SPU installed a floating cover on the BLR in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the floating cover on BLR is approaching the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 SPU decided to build a new, partially buried reinforced concrete reservoir and open a significant portion of the property to public use; and

WHEREAS, the resulting project is known as the Bitter Lake Reservoir Replacement Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT's) street improvement requirements for the Project, SPU is required to increase the width of the sidewalk along Linden Avenue North between North 143rd Street and North 138th Street to meet the standard width of 6 feet, laying the groundwork for long term pedestrian infrastructure improvements; and

1 WHEREAS, to meet SDOT’s requirements, SPU must transfer to SDOT a 610 square foot  
2 portion of BLR property immediately adjacent to the public right-of-way (Transfer Area),  
3 for street and sidewalk purposes; and

4 WHEREAS, SPU determined the Transfer Area is not needed for current or future utility  
5 purposes; and

6 WHEREAS, SPU and SDOT identified mutual and offsetting benefits arising from this  
7 jurisdictional transfer, and no monetary compensation is required between departments;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

10 Section 1. The City Council authorizes the transfer of jurisdiction from Seattle Public  
11 Utilities (SPU) to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) of a portion of SPU’s fee-  
12 owned property along Linden Avenue North between North 143rd Street and North 138th Street,  
13 as legally described in Attachment 1 and depicted in Attachment 2 (Transfer Area) to this  
14 ordinance and designates it for transportation purposes (a portion of tax parcel number 192604-  
15 9009). In case of a conflict between the description of the boundaries in Attachment 1 and the  
16 map in Attachment 2, the description shall control.

17 Section 2. The Transfer Area is laid off, opened, widened, extended, and established as  
18 right-of-way.

19 Section 3. SPU and SDOT shall coordinate to ensure the sidewalk improvements and  
20 jurisdictional boundaries are implemented in a manner consistent with long-term infrastructure  
21 and community benefit goals for the Bitter Lake Reservoir site.

1           Section 4. The General Manager/CEO of SPU and the Director of SDOT, or their  
2 designees, are authorized to execute such further documents and agreements as may be necessary  
3 to carry out the intent of this ordinance.

4           Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code  
5 Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

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Passed by the City Council the 17th day of February, 2026,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 17th day of  
February, 2026.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved /  returned unsigned /  vetoed this 25th day of February, 2026.

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Katie B. Wilson, Mayor

Filed by me this 25th day of February, 2026.

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Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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Attachments:  
Attachment 1 – Legal Description  
Attachment 2 – Transfer Area

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR  
PARTIAL TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION  
FROM TAX PARCEL NO. 1926049009**

The East 1.00 foot of the North 610.00 feet of the below described PARENT PARCEL, lying within the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 26 North, Range 4 East, W.M., King County, Washington.

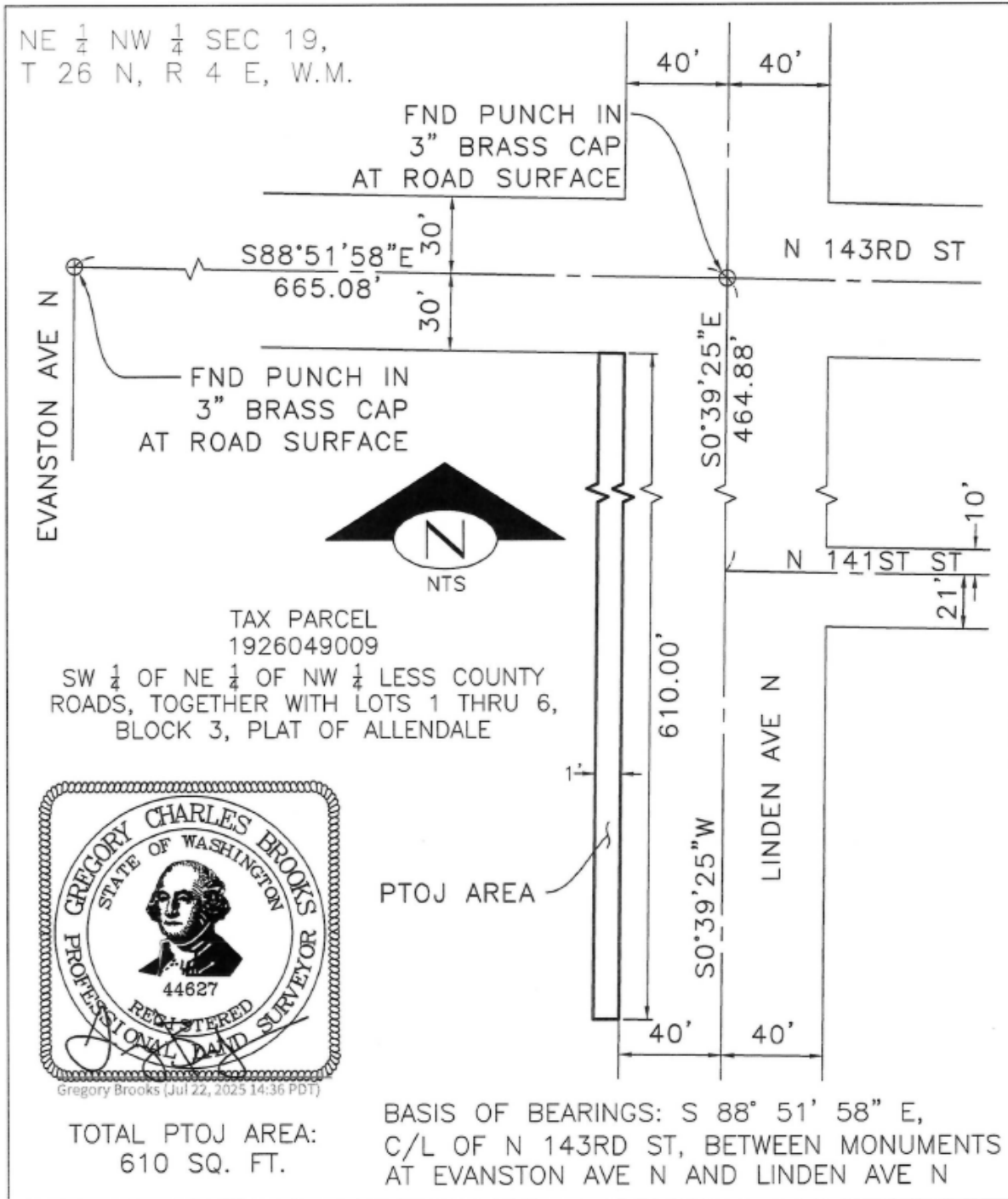
Containing 610 SQ FT, more or less

**PARENT PARCEL**

THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SEACTION 19, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, W.M., KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, LESS COUNTY ROADS, TOGETHER WITH LOTS ONE THRU SIX OF BLOCK THREE, PLAT OF ALLENDALE AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 12 OF PLATS, PAGE 95, RECORDS OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON.



Gregory Brooks (01/08/2026 09:08:31 PST)



SDOT		PARTIAL TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION KING COUNTY TAX PARCEL NO. 1926049009
DRAWN:	RAB	
CHECKED:	GCB	
SCALE:	NTS	