

City of Blaine
Request for Council Action
Meeting Date: September 26, 2022

Subject: Approval of Draft Ward Redistricting Map

Department: City Attorney/City Manager

Prepared By: _____
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Agenda Location: Consent Agenda Council Action Unfinished Business

Action Needed:

Per RCW 29A.76.010, City Council must approve a draft voting ward map for publication. Once approved, the map is reviewed at a public hearing during a follow-up City Council meeting (likely October 10, 2022).

Attachments:

1. Draft Ward Map
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Background/Summary:

Every 10 years a census is completed in the United States. Once the census has been completed and the data is compiled, cities with wards are required to evaluate and potentially propose the adjustment of ward boundaries. This is a multistep process that requires a significant understanding of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping, population data, and the redistricting process.

On September 12, 2022, City Council authorized City staff to negotiate and enter into an agreement with a firm to review the existing ward boundaries and determine if adjustments need to be made according to the 2020 census data. While FLO Analytics was a firm discussed, City staffed ultimately engaged Sammamish Data Systems Inc. due to the services offered and the large cost savings compared to FLO Analytics. The cost savings will likely be around \$15,000. Sammamish Data Systems Inc. also recently worked with the Blaine School District, so they are familiar with the City. This existing knowledge of the area has helped expedite the mapping process (which will be reviewed during the September 26, 2022, Study Session). During the Study Session, the consultant will be able to modify the proposed ward boundaries in real-time if City Council wishes to adjust them. This is why only one draft map is attached.

In order to move the redistricting process forward per State law, City Council must approve a draft redistricting plan (ward map). If approved, the draft map will be published for review by the public on or about October 3, 2022. On October 10, 2022, the draft map will be reviewed during a public hearing and the Council will receive public comment. It is anticipated that only one public hearing will be necessary. If that is the case, the final map will be submitted for adoption by City Council via ordinance (including any revised legal descriptions of boundaries) at the October 24, 2022, City Council meeting. If it is necessary to amend the map based on public comments, the amended map must be resubmitted for additional written comment. City Council also has the option of having a second public hearing on the draft ward map, or it may rely on written comments only. This second public hearing, if it is necessary, would occur on October 24, 2022, and the final map and ordinance would be voted on at the November 14, 2022, City Council meeting. The City is required by law to submit the final approved map to Whatcom County no later than November 15, 2022.

Budget Implications: Current Budget New Budget Request Non-Budgetary

There is no cost associated with approving the draft map.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends City Council move to approve the draft plan as presented for publication, and schedule a public hearing on this matter at the October 10, 2022, City Council meeting.

Reviewed By:

City Manager _____ Finance Director _____ City Clerk _____
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City of Blaine - Proposed
Commission Districts as
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Census 2020 Geography

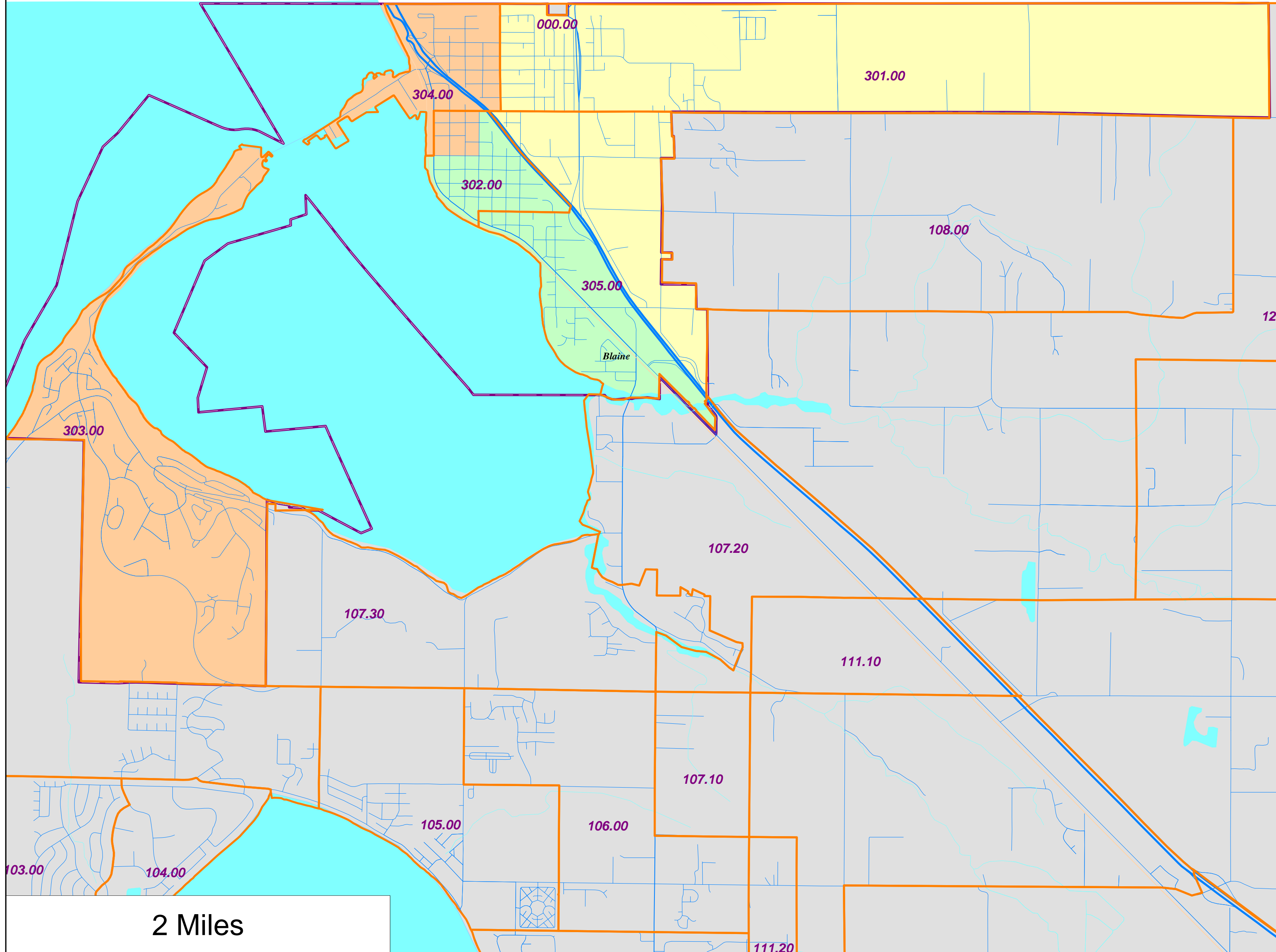
1st District

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3rd District

City Limits

District Outline



2 Miles

City of Blaine District Summary Report

Director District Number	Ideal Population	Total Population	Deviation from Ideal	% Deviation from Ideal	White Population	Hispanic Origin (of any race)	Non White & Mixed
1st	1,961	1,930	-31	-1.58	1,502	134	428
2nd	1,961	1,956	-5	-0.25	1,496	209	460
3rd	1,961	1,998	37	1.89	1,583	121	415
Totals.....		<u>5,884</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>4,581</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>1,303</u>

Summary of Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

District Number	Total Population	Total Population by Race							Two or More Races	Hispanic Origin (of any race)
		Single Race								
		Total	White	Black African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	Other Race	Total	
1st	1,930	1,753	1,502	23	28	116	56	28	177	134
2nd	1,956	1,759	1,496	34	27	133	20	49	197	209
3rd	1,998	1,839	1,583	19	25	157	12	43	159	121
Totals.....	<u>5,884</u>	<u>5,351</u>	<u>4,581</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>533</u>	<u>464</u>

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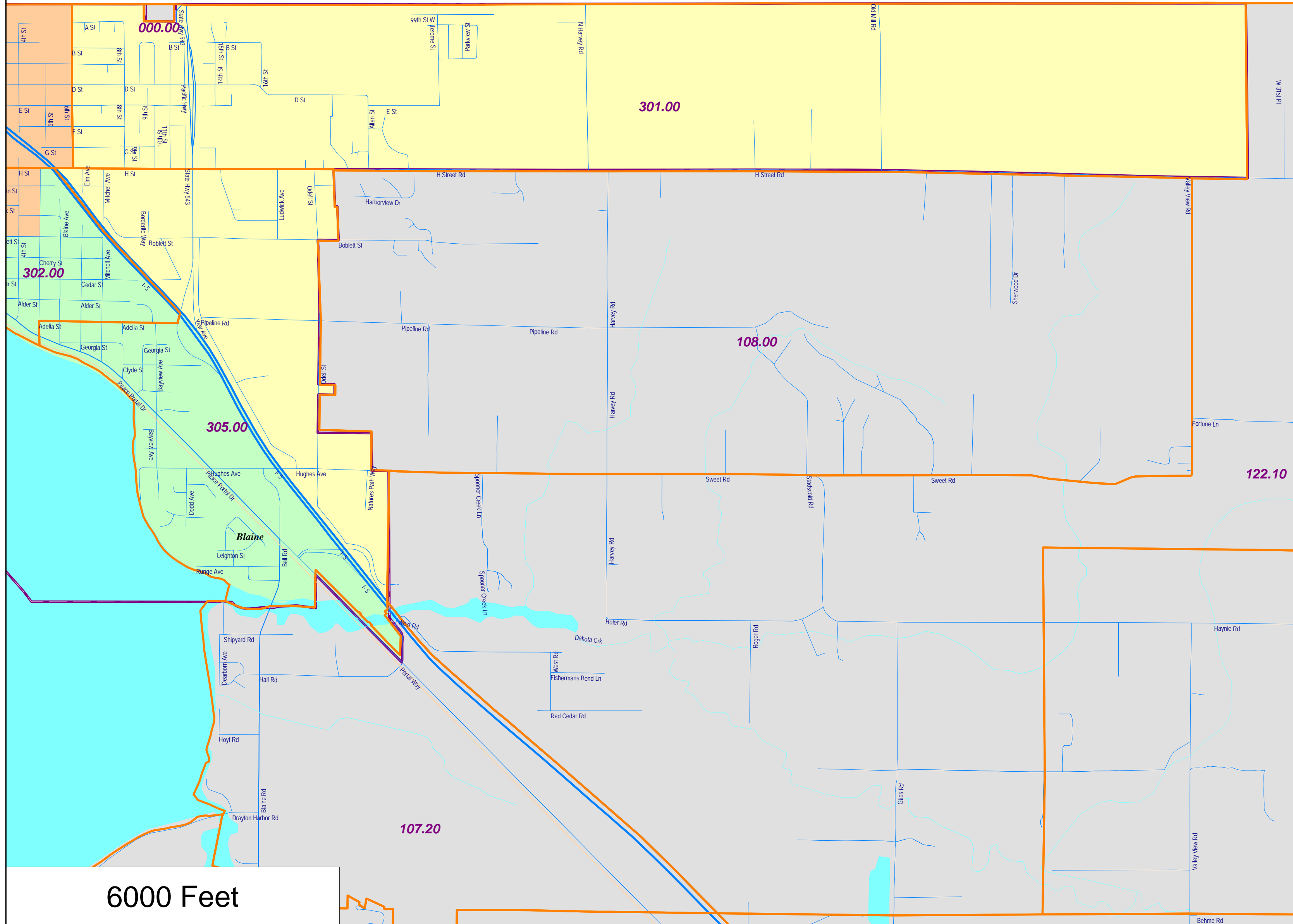
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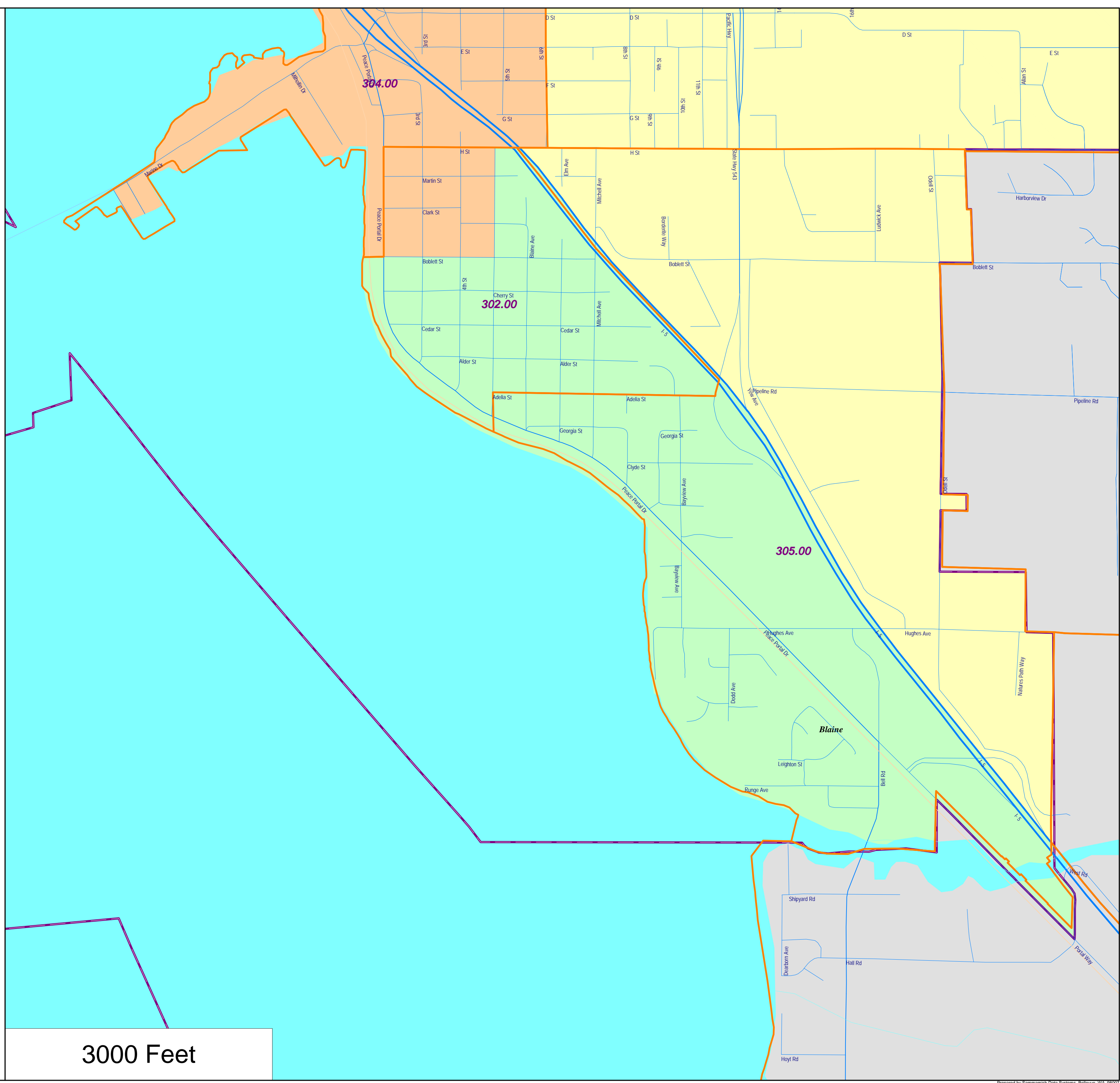
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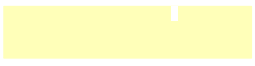
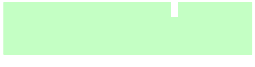

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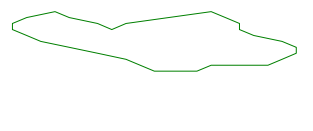


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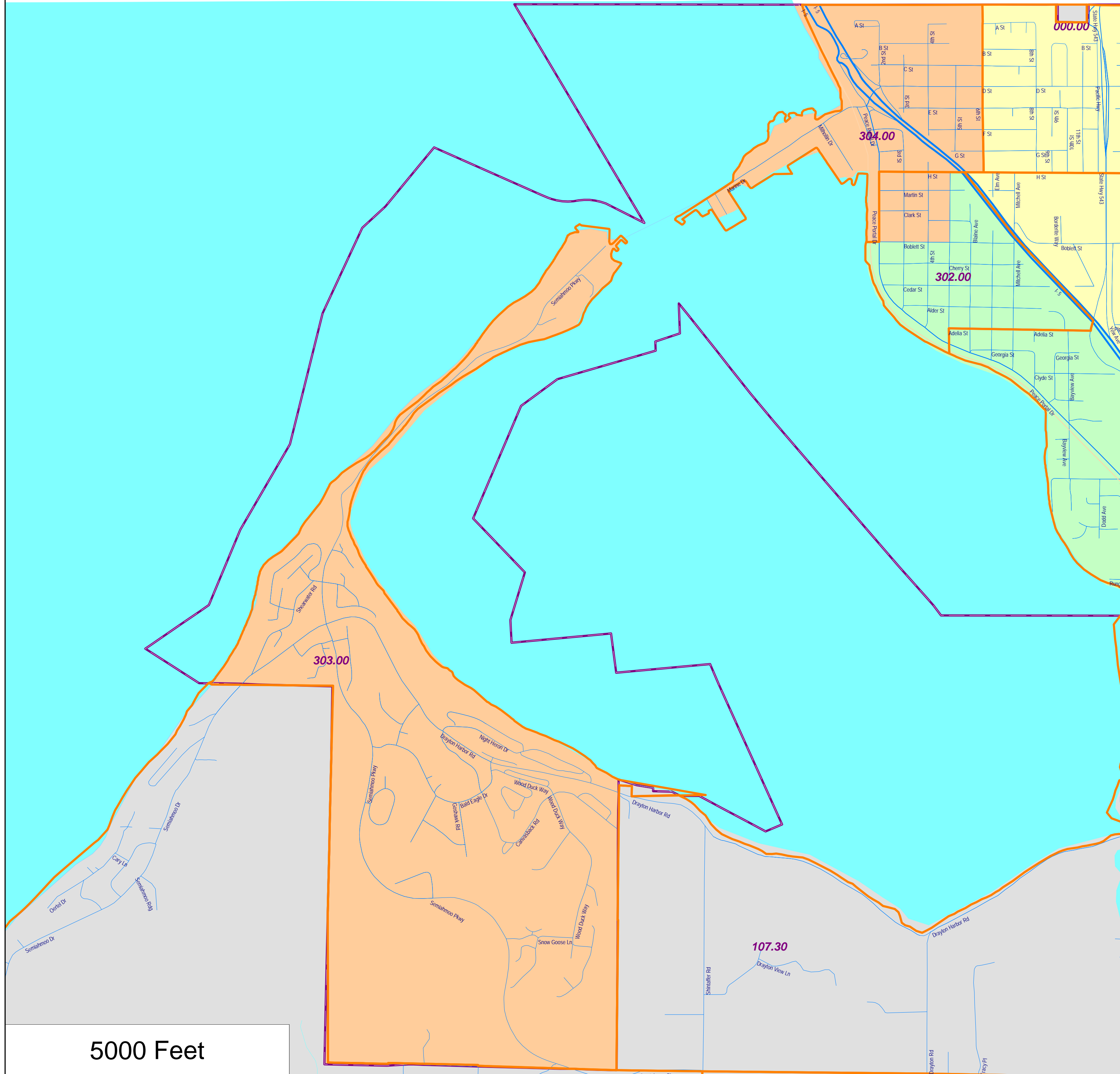
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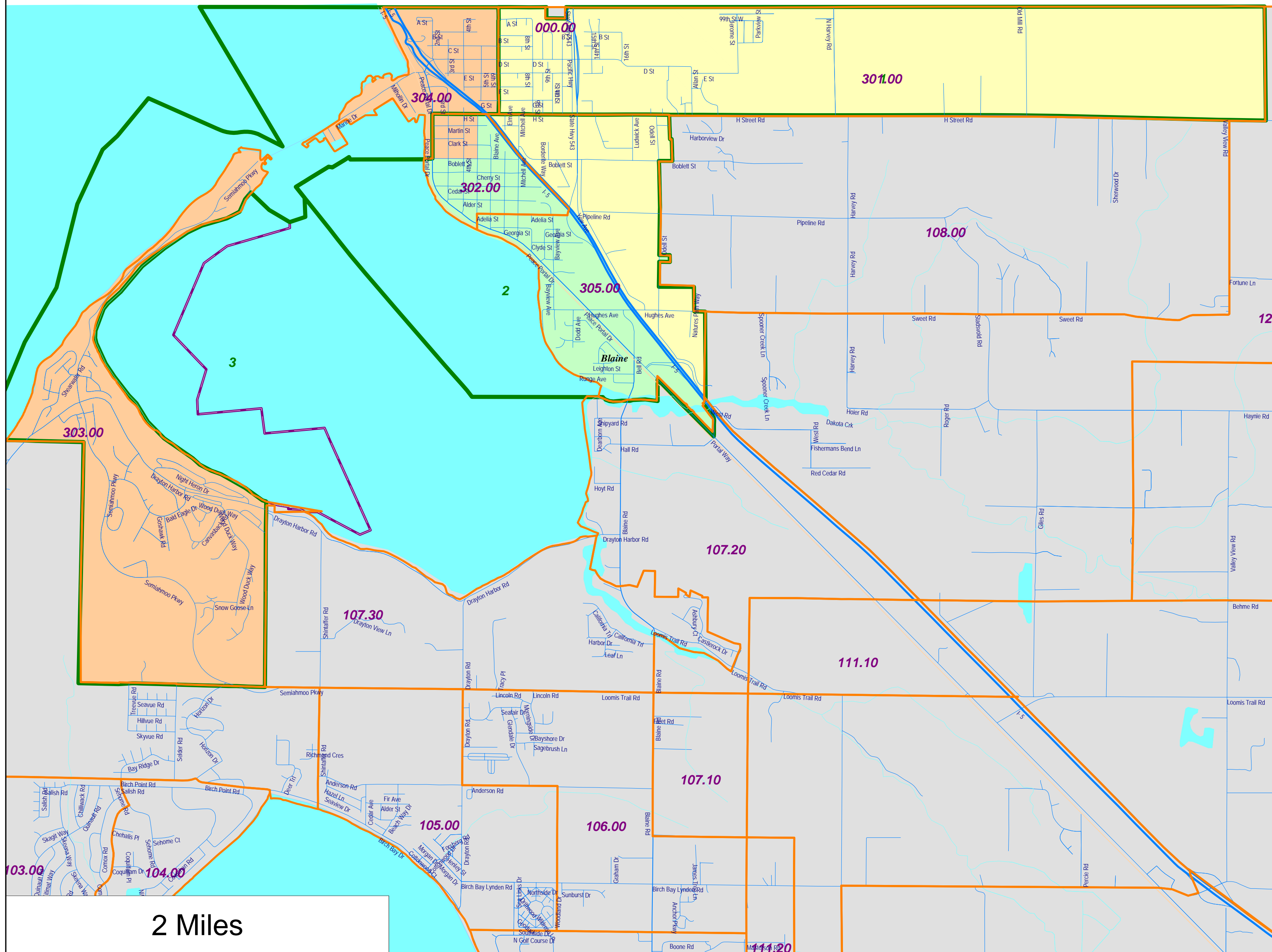
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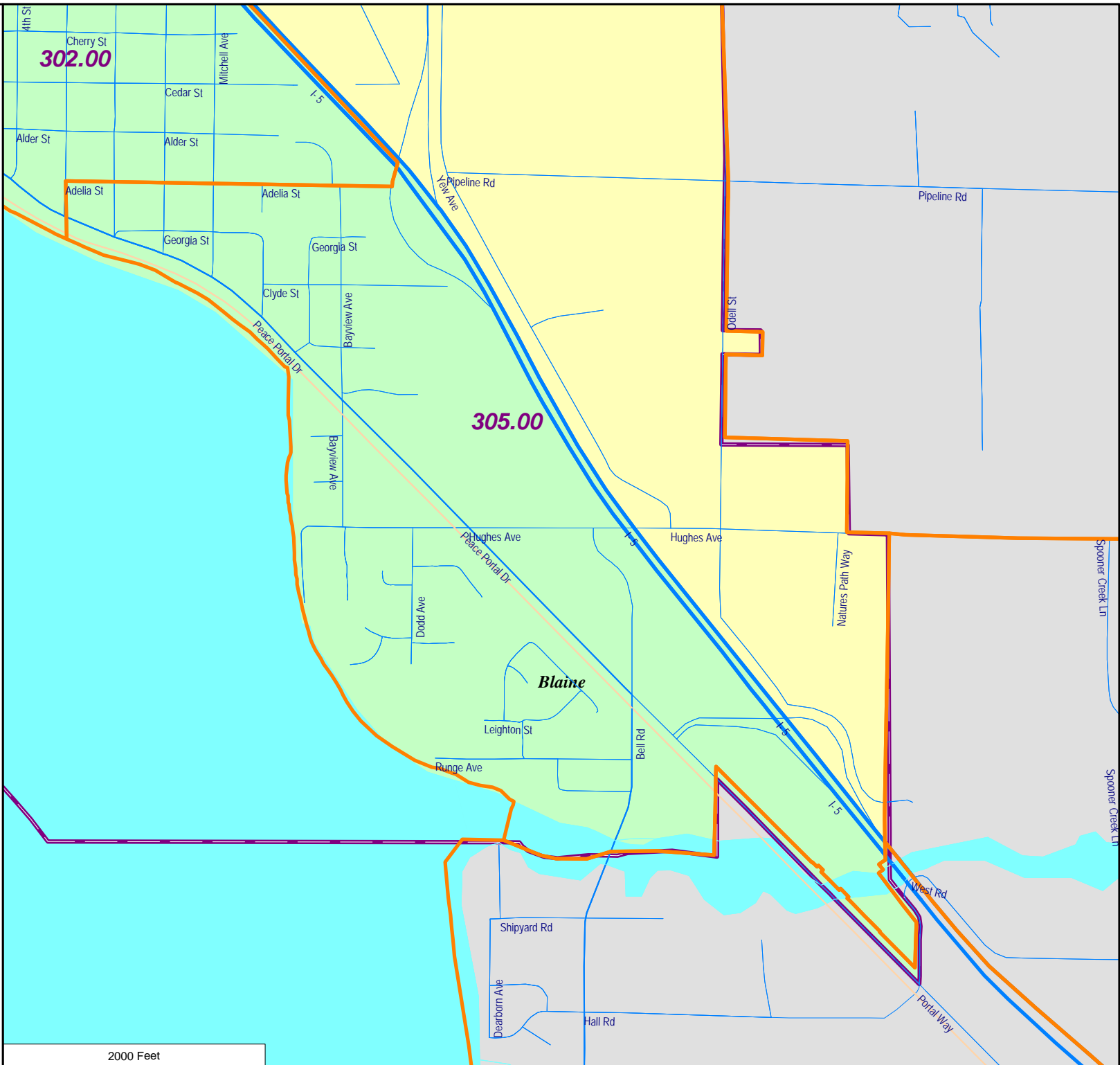


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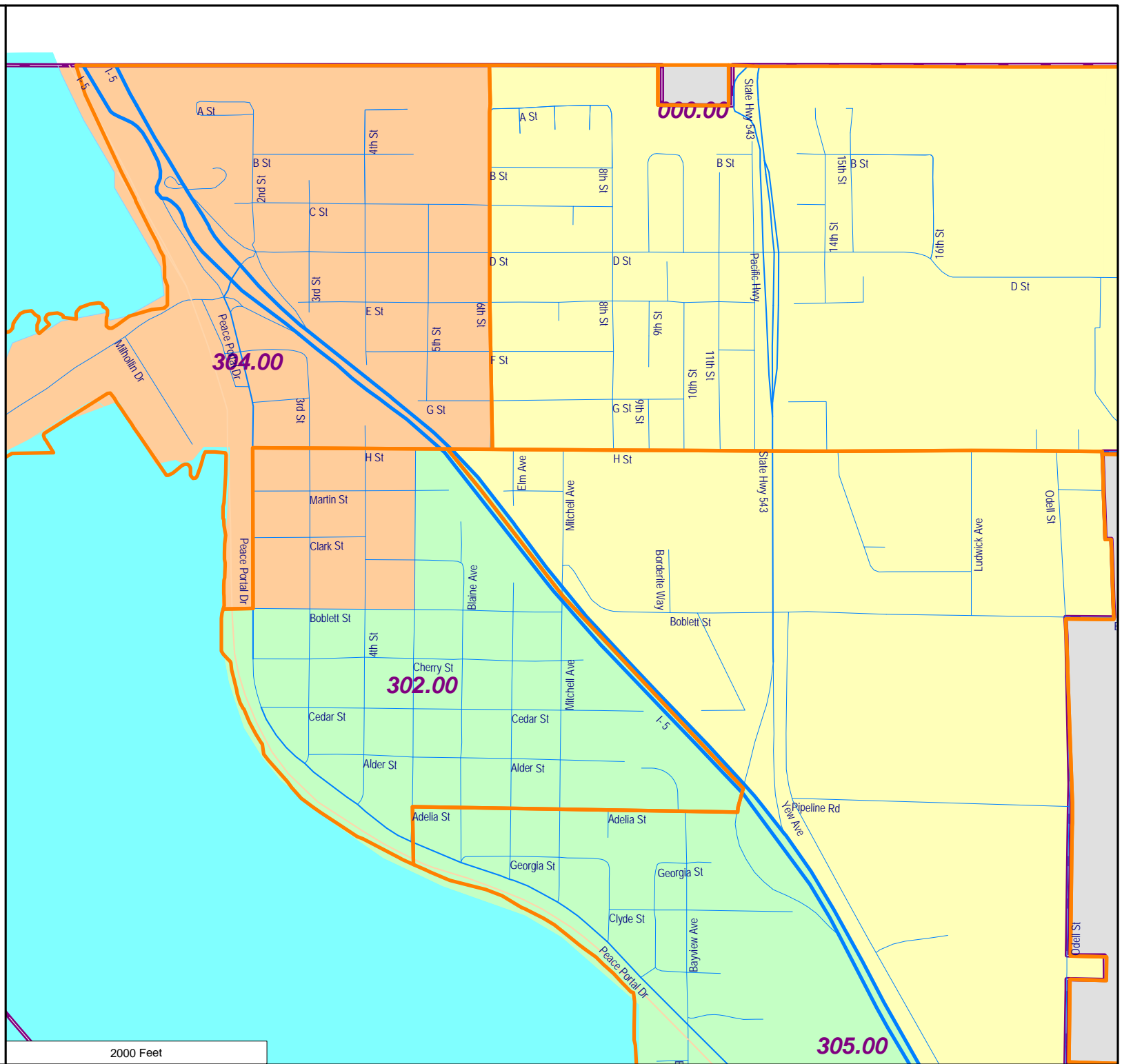


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