

Staff Report



Annexation and Service Plan for Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

City Council Meeting Date: 7-24-07

Document Being Considered: Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION

Consider institution of proceedings for the annexation of approximately 449 acres lying adjacent to the City and in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) by adoption of an ordinance and service plan.

PRIOR BOARD OR COUNCIL ACTION

On May 22, 2007, the City Council directed staff to proceed with annexation and creation of a service plan for this area in accordance with Section 43.061 of the Texas Local Government Code.

On June 26, 2007, the City Council conducted the first public hearing.

On July 3, 2007, the City Council conducted the second public hearing.

ANALYSIS

The area proposed for annexation consists of approximately 449 acres of land, lying east of S.H. 157 and south of the Trinity Railway Express. This encompasses the entire ETJ of the City. Annexation of the ETJ will coordinate urban planning and the provision of certain municipal services with the anticipated development of the 1,800 acres located immediately to the south, known as the Lakes of Birds Fort (LOBF). Annexation will allow this area to be included in the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #6 and enjoy the benefits of the Zone's project and financing plan.

The service plan components that will be available on the effective date of the annexation include police, fire, emergency medical response, solid waste collection, water and wastewater, roads, parks, libraries, and miscellaneous services such as nuisance codes and environmental health regulations. These services will be provided at a level of service that is comparable or equal to the level of such services now being provided to other parts of Arlington with topography, land use, and population density similar to the annexed area.

Upon final reading of the ordinance, the land is annexed into the City as Agriculture ("A") zoning, receives City services and is subject to all the regulations and ordinances of the City. The proposed ordinance provides a procedure to continue to use land in the area annexed in a manner it is being used on the date of annexation proceedings. Prior to final reading of the annexation ordinance, scheduled for September 11, 2007, the service plan, and the limits of the area annexed may be amended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Upon annexation, the City will provide municipal services by any of the methods by which it provides services to any other area of the city.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached:	Annexation Ordinance with Exhibits A and B
Under separate cover:	None
Available in the City Manager's office:	None

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