

Annexation 2014

Resolution for Ballot Title

City Council Public Hearing
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Subject

Resolution - Annexation Ballot Title:

- Resolution Placing the Annexation on the November Ballot
- Proposed Ballot Title
(caption, question, summary, explanatory statement)

Council Goals:

Top Council Goal for 2014

- Facilitate Sustainable, Manageable Growth
 - Action 1: Annexation of Properties into the City limits
- Keep Citizens Safe

Tonight's Meeting

- Presentation
- Public Testimony
- Council Deliberation and Action

Background

EXHIBIT "A" BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION: Annexation of properties to the City of Grants Pass.

QUESTION: Shall voters ratify City Council's decision to annex approximately 355 acres of properties in 18 areas to the City?

SUMMARY: City Council tentatively approved annexation of approximately 355 acres in 18 areas contiguous to the City, within the boundary designated for future annexation:

All owners agreed to annexation:

Area	Acreage
Williams Highway south of New Hope (five areas)	3.1, 7.1, 5.0, 5.1, 0.5
Arch Ct	1.7
Highland	17.8
Woodbrook	0.5
Vertical Drive	0.4
Noble Heights	2.2

A majority of owners agreed to annexation:

Area	Acreage
Southeast/Hamilton	198.2
Sky Crest	3.2
Morris Ln	13.6
Angler Ln	2.2
Lower River Rd	35.0
Upper River Rd	30.0
Highland/Woodbrook	22.2
Portola Dr	7.8

Areas were zoned for development over 25 years ago. Nearly all properties have been within the boundary designated for future annexation for over 15 years, most over 30 years. They currently receive, or are entitled to receive, City water, sewer, police, or fire services. Annexation will not affect the rate of development.

If ratified, annexation would take effect in December 2014. Areas would have to follow City laws and pay City property tax, currently \$6.3092 per \$1,000 assessed value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: The City Council of the City of Grants Pass has enacted an ordinance to annex territory to the City. The City Council evaluated the capability of the City to provide service to the territory to be annexed and determined the lands can be served and therefore are eligible for annexation. In accord with the City Charter, the action by the City Council is submitted to the voters of Grants Pass. Annexation will not occur without voter approval.

If voters elect to annex the land, a total current estimated value of \$107,336,250 would be added to the taxable value of the City. The same City tax rate paid by all properties in the City, \$6.3092 per \$1,000 assessed value, would be paid by annexed lands.

Cost Implication

- Placing on ballot is a requirement for annexation
- No additional costs to city by placing on November ballot for general election
- Costs associated with publication of notice in newspaper

Call to Action

Deliberation:

- Consider Proposed Ballot Title and Public Testimony

Alternatives:

- Approve Resolution for Ballot Title as Proposed
- Approve Resolution for Ballot Title with Revisions
(subject to word count limitations)

Recommendation:

- Approve Resolution as Proposed

Next Steps

- File with City Elections Official for Publication of Notice
- Publication of Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title
- Ballot Title Challenge Period / Completion
- File Final Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement with County Elections Official

Thank You!

Public Testimony on Ballot Title Resolution