

**CITY OF DOTHAN, ALABAMA**  
**CITY COMMISSION POLICY - NO. 2**

**ANNEXATION**

**I. PURPOSE**

To establish a policy position of the City Commission in considering future requests of residents in the unincorporated area petitioning the City for annexation.

**II. POLICY**

- A. The City will only annex that land where a demonstrable and significant advantage to the City would result.
- B. The City will not annex one or more lots in a subdivision without annexing the entire subdivision.
- C. The city will consider annexation petitions on a priority basis ranked as follows:
  - 1. Those areas which are already served by the City Electric, Water and Sewer systems and those areas to which these services can economically be extended.
  - 2. Those areas already completely surrounded by the City's existing corporate limits and when such annexation would help "smooth out" the City limits.
- D. If a substantial majority of property owners in a subdivision wish to be annexed, they may file with the City Clerk their request in petition form signed by a majority of the property owners in such area.
- E. The City Manager will investigate such petitions through consultation with his staff and develop a recommendation to be presented to the Commission
- F. If the City concurs by resolution then the Mayor will certify a copy of such resolution to the judge of probate of the county where the land is situated. Said certified resolution shall have attached a plat or map of said area. The judge of probate will then hold an election.

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G. There may be occasions when the size, location or other factors make it more efficient for the City to request that the State legislature adopt an act to revise the City's corporate limits. The Commission after consideration may ask a local delegation to the State legislature to introduce legislation to annex such an area.

IV RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY

The City Commission reserves the authority to amend, modify or change this policy.

V APPROVAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is adopted and approved in Regular Session of the City Commission on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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