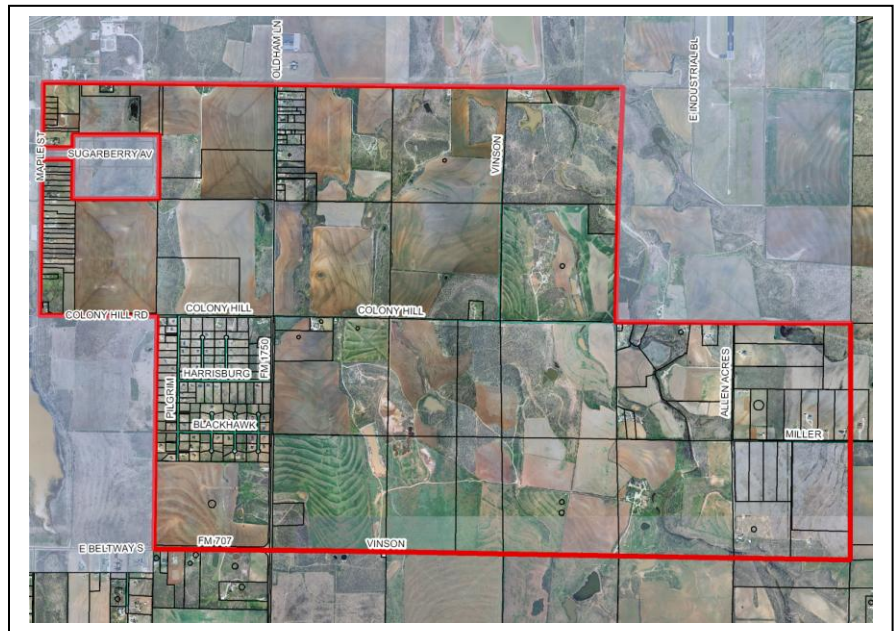




PROPOSED SERVICE PLAN CITY OF ABILENE 2006 THREE-YEAR ANNEXATION PLAN

Area Description:

The area encompasses approximately 3,436 acres southeast of the current City of Abilene corporate limits. It is bounded on the north and west by the current city limits. The southern boundary is defined by FM 707, Vinson Road, and the southern boundary of the Eastern ½ of Survey No. 16 and Western ½ of Survey No. 17, Lunatic Asylum Lands, Taylor County, Texas. The eastern boundary is defined by the current city limits and the eastern boundary of the Western ½ of Survey No. 17, Lunatic Asylum Lands, Taylor County, Texas. The final annexation area will exclude any property with a filed development agreement.



Overview:

Section 43.056 of the Texas Local Government Code requires cities to complete a service plan that provides for the extension of full municipal services to the area to be annexed. The plan must include a program under which the municipality will provide full municipal services in the annexed area no later than 2-1/2 years after the effective date of the annexation, unless certain services cannot reasonably be provided within that period and the city proposes a schedule for providing those services. If the city proposes a schedule to extend the period for providing certain services, the schedule must provide for the provision of full municipal services no later than 4-1/2 years after the effective date of the annexation. However, if the city provides any of the following services within its corporate boundaries, the city must provide those services in the area proposed for annexation on the effective date of the annexation of the area with a level of services that is comparable to the level of services available in other parts of the municipality with similar topography, land use, and population density.

These services include:

- Police protection;
- Fire protection;
- Emergency medical services;
- Solid waste collection, except that collection may be performed by a private solid waste management service provider for the first two (2) years;
- Operation and maintenance of (public) water and wastewater facilities that are not in the service area of another water or wastewater utility;
- Operation and maintenance of (public) roads and streets, including road and street lighting;
- Operation and maintenance of (public) parks, playgrounds, and swimming pools; and,
- Operation and maintenance of any other publicly owned facility, building, or service.

Proposed Service Plan

Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 43.056, the following service plan is hereby proposed for the annexation of a 3,436 acre area included in the 3-Year Annexation Plan and is valid for 10 years from the date of annexation.

Police Protection

The Abilene Police will provide all law enforcement services to the proposed annexation area. Police services, including all routine services, will begin on the effective date of the annexation using existing personnel and equipment.

In addition to the minimum services required to be provided under existing state law, the City of Abilene is proposing to add a police district and five officers to be implemented within five years after the effective date of annexation to maintain existing service levels as this part of the city continues to grow.

Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services

Fire protection, including emergency response calls, will begin immediately upon the effective date of annexation, using existing personnel and equipment. All services currently provided by the Abilene Fire Department will be available to this area. As large-lot, semi-rural development, these areas can be served with existing resources and do not require additional equipment or service lines for provision of adequate service.

In addition to the minimum services required to be provided under existing state law, the City of Abilene is proposing to install dedicated fire service water lines to serve existing platted lots of 2 acres or less in size within five years after the effective date of annexation. The proposed fire service lines will be for fire protection only and will provide an adequate fire flow for this purpose. The lines will be built to City of Abilene specifications for size and fire hydrant locations. Consistent with other areas within the city limits, other tracts will continue to receive a level of service consistent with large-lot, semi-rural development.

Solid Waste Collection

Collection of refuse by the City of Abilene's Solid Waste Division will be available immediately upon annexation. However, property owners may make arrangements for private refuse collection for the first two years after the effective date of the annexation.

Water and Wastewater Facilities

Water: Currently the area subject to this Service Plan is served by the Potosi Water Supply Corporation. Upon annexation, the City will not take over this service and water service will continue to be provided by the Water Supply Corporation. However, the City of Abilene reserves the right to incorporate all or part of this area into its water service area in the future, at the discretion of the City. The City will provide water lines for fire protection as noted above.

Wastewater: No centralized wastewater (sewer) service is available to any property within the proposed annexation area. Consistent with similarly situated development within the city limits and given the large-lot, semi-rural nature of the proposed annexation area, the City will not extend sewer service to these areas as part of this Service Plan.

As new development occurs within the annexation area, the City will provide water and wastewater service to properties in accordance with the city's development ordinances and utility extension policies in place at the time of development. Upon completion and dedication of new facilities to the city, the city shall provide on-going maintenance and operation of those facilities. In areas where the City will not provide water service, the developers of the property will be required to provide water and wastewater facilities in accordance with the City's existing policies.

Streets – Operation and Maintenance

On the effective date of the annexation, the City will provide for ongoing operation and maintenance of public roads and streets, consistent with City policy and procedure throughout the City.

As new development occurs within the annexed area, the developers of property will be required to construct streets in accordance with the city's subdivision policies in place at the time of development. Upon completion and dedication of new facilities to the city, the city shall provide on-going operation and maintenance for those facilities.

In addition to the minimum services required to be provided under existing state law, the City commits to resurfacing the existing streets within the Colonial Hills and Blackhawk subdivisions within five years after the effective date of annexation. The resurfacing will maintain the current pavement widths and adjacent surface drainage (bar-ditch) system. The City also commits to rebuilding Hardison Lane between Maple Street and Oldham Lane (FM 1750) within five years after the effective date of annexation.

Traffic Control Devices

Installation and maintenance of traffic control devices consistent with existing City policies and procedures will be provided following annexation.

Street Lights

The City recognizes the low-density, semi-rural nature of the area and proposes only to install street lights at limited locations where necessitated by safety considerations. The street lights would be installed within five years after the effective date of annexation.

These locations include the following street intersections:

- Colony Hill Road and Pilgrim Road
- Harrisburg Road and FM 1750 (Oldham Lane)
- Blackhawk Road and FM 1750 (Oldham Lane)
- Colony Hill Road and FM 1750 (Oldham Lane)
- The 90-degree turns on Allen Acres.

Parks, Recreation, and other Community Services and Facilities

No parks, playgrounds, and/or swimming pools exist within the proposed annexation area. The same standards and policies now established and in force within the city limits will be followed in maintaining and expanding recreational facilities to serve the annexed area. Upon annexation, the owners and residents of property located within the annexed area shall be entitled to the use of all municipal parks and recreational facilities, subject to the same restrictions, fees, and availability that pertains to the use of those facilities by other citizens of the city.

Operation and Maintenance of Other Public Facilities, Buildings, and Services

Operation and maintenance of public drainageways will be provided beginning on the effective date of the annexation.

No other public facilities, buildings, or services exist within the proposed annexation area. The same standards and policies now established and in force within the city limits will be followed in maintaining and expanding other public facilities, building and services. Upon annexation, the owners and residents of property located within the annexed area shall be entitled to the use of all municipal facilities, buildings, and services, subject to the same restrictions, fees, and availability that pertains to the use of those facilities and services by other citizens of the city.

This proposed Service Plan was created to serve the entirety of the proposed annexation area. Should any part of this area be removed from the Annexation Plan and/or removed from the annexation area prior to final annexation, this Service Plan may be amended to remove required improvements and/or services from areas excluded from annexation.