

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Del Borgsdorf, City Administrator  
SUBJECT: Resolution to Approve Council Policy regarding Annexation Petitions  
DATE: August 10, 1990

As the attached resolution explains, it is to the City's benefit to have the entire holdings of an individual annexed rather than allowing the individual to defer annexing a portion of his/her property. In some sections of Pittsfield Township, owners of two or more lots have occasionally only annexed their lot and house in order to gain access to City utilities. They have left their vacant, undeveloped lots in township jurisdiction to avoid or delay paying improvement charges on those lots and to avoid paying higher City property taxes on those lots.

Based on recent Council discussions, we believe it is the intent of City Council to have the City administration enforce the policy stated in the attached resolution. It would be helpful to City staff in administering a policy of this type to have it officially adopted by Council.

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Attachment: Proposed Resolution

D-4-103

R-446-8-90

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COUNCIL  
POLICY REGARDING ANNEXATION PETITIONS

Whereas, When some property owners petition the City for annexation, they prefer to only bring in a portion of their holdings because of cost considerations. Occasionally, the properties these owners want to leave in township jurisdiction have outstanding improvement charges. These unpaid improvement charges are a burden on existing City utility system customers;

RESOLVED, By the Mayor and City Council that the City Administration is hereby directed to require that all contiguous holdings of property owners be included in their petitions when annexing to the City; and

RESOLVED, That when levying improvement charges, Council may consider the financial status of the petitioner, and recommend, on a case by case basis, extended terms or alternative payment plans to avoid undue hardship.

As Amended: August 20, 1990

APPROVED  
BY COUNCIL

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