

**CITY OF COLLEGE STATION SERVICE PLAN
FOR THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED
EFFECTIVE MAY 8, 2015**

I. ANNEXATION AREA

The annexation area is located on the southwest side of the City of College Station, in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. The area is illustrated in Figure 1 and generally described below.

Area Description - approximately 233 acres generally bordered by Royder Road, FM 2154 (AKA Wellborn Road), and Greens Prairie Trail.

II. INTRODUCTION

This service plan has been prepared in accordance with the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, Sections 43.021, 43.065, and 43.056(b)-(o) (Vernon 2008, AND VERNON SUPP. 2009, as amended from time to time). Municipal facilities and services to the annexed area described above and illustrated in Figure 1 will be provided or made available on behalf of the City in accordance with the following plan. This plan provides a program under which the City of College Station will provide full municipal services to the annexed areas. All services will be provided within the time provided in the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, Section 43.056(B).

This Service Plan does not:

- require the creation of another political subdivision;
- require a landowner in the area to fund the capital improvements necessary to provide municipal services in a manner inconsistent with Chapter 395, TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; or
- provide services in the area in a manner that would have the effect of reducing, by more than a negligible amount, the level of fire and police protection and emergency medical services provided within the corporate boundaries of the municipality before annexation.

The level of services, infrastructure, and infrastructure maintenance provided to the annexed area is comparable to the level of services, infrastructure, and infrastructure maintenance available in other parts of the City with topography, land use, and population density similar to those reasonably contemplated or projected in the annexed area.

III. SERVICE COMPONENTS

This plan contains three service components: (1) Immediate Services, (2) Additional Services, and (3) Capital Improvement Program.

Immediate Services

As required by the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 43.056(B), Certain municipal services will be provided by the City of College Station immediately upon the effective date of annexation. These services include:

- police protection;
- fire protection;
- emergency medical services;
- solid waste collection, except as provided by Subsection 43.056(o);
- operation and maintenance of water and wastewater facilities in the annexed area that are not within the service area of another water or wastewater utility;
- operation and maintenance of roads, and streets, including road and street lighting;*
- operation and maintenance of publicly-owned parks, playgrounds, and swimming pools; and,
- operation and maintenance of any other publicly-owned facility, building, or service.

***Note:** Street lighting will only be maintained for fixtures located within the service territory of College Station Utilities.

A. Police Protection

The College Station Police Department will provide police service, including routine patrol, traffic enforcement, and dispatch response to emergency and non-emergency service calls.

B. Fire Protection

The College Station Fire Department will provide fire protection, including response to emergency calls for assistance, fire prevention education, pre-fire planning, and target hazard inspections.

Construction and development activities undertaken after the effective date of annexation shall comply with all fire and life-safety codes of the City of College Station. All structures shall comply with the address standards of the College Station Code of Ordinances within ninety (90) days of the effective annexation date.

C. Emergency Medical Services

The College Station Fire Department will provide emergency medical services (EMS). Each Fire Department ambulance, engine, and ladder truck is capable of providing EMS, including defibrillation, medical administration, IV therapy, advanced airway management, and initial treatment of injuries.

D. Solid Waste Collection

The College Station Public Works Department will provide fee-based solid waste collection service for residential and commercial customers. Customers in the annexed area may elect to continue using a private solid waste management service provider for a period of two years after the effective date of annexation in accordance with provisions of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. The City will not charge a fee to a person who continues to use the services of a privately-owned solid waste management service provider during the aforementioned two-year period.

Residential Service – Residential solid waste collection (including brush and bulk items) is provided once per week. All residential service will be provided at a point of collection adjacent to, and accessible from, a public right-of-way or an improved surface acceptable to the City. Residential solid waste collection vehicles will not conduct operations on private property. However, residential service may be provided on private streets that comply with the Sanitation Division’s requirements for surface material, vehicle clearance, and turning radii. In the case of multiple residences located on a privately-owned road or drive, the City may require the establishment of a mass collection point at an area adjacent to the nearest public right-of-way. The City will provide one solid waste container per residential account. Additional containers are available for an additional fee.

Commercial Service - Containers and collection points may be located on private property provided they can be easily accessed from a public right-of-way and the route of access and the collection point meets the Sanitation Division’s surface requirements, vehicle clearance, and turning radii. The City will provide standard commercial containers.

Utility Account Required - In order to secure solid waste collection services in the annexed areas, each property owner must establish a utility account with the City of College Station. The City will not be responsible for damage to private drives, private streets, or parking areas caused by trucks servicing solid waste containers.

E. Water and Wastewater Facilities

The City of College Station will provide water and wastewater service to areas that are not located within the certificated service territory of another utility. The level of water and wastewater service, infrastructure, and infrastructure maintenance provided in the annexed area will be comparable to the level of services, infrastructure, and infrastructure maintenance available in other parts of the City before annexation with topography, land use, and population density similar to those reasonably contemplated or projected in the area. Municipal services to be provided within the annexed area may be provided by any of the methods in which the City provides services to other comparable areas.

F. Roads and Streets

The Public Works Department will maintain public roads and streets at a level comparable to the maintenance prior to annexation. These services include emergency pavement repair and preventative street maintenance. Right-of-way mowing activities along State highways are addressed in the City's maintenance agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation and will be added to the City's maintenance activities immediately following annexation. Maintenance priorities are determined on a City-wide basis taking into consideration factors such as age, traffic volume, surface conditions, nature of the maintenance, public safety hazards, and available funding.

Existing street and traffic control signs shall conform to the City of College Station’s standards within ninety (90) days of the effective date of annexation. The City will install traffic control signs in accordance with College Station’s standards for same within ninety (90) days of the effective date of annexation.

G. Parks and Recreation Facilities

The City of College Station is not aware of the existence of any publicly-owned parks, public playgrounds, or public swimming pools in the proposed annexation area. In the event any such facilities exist, they will be maintained to the same degree and extent that the City maintains such parks, playgrounds and swimming pools within the current City limits.

H. Other Publicly-Owned Buildings and Facilities

The City of College Station is not aware of the existence of any publicly-owned buildings in the proposed annexation area. In the event any such facilities exist, they will be maintained to the same degree and extent that the City maintains such facilities within the current City limits.

Additional Services

A. Building Permitting and Inspections

Upon the effective date of annexation, the City will provide building permits and inspection services. This service will be made available to the annexed areas on the same basis and at the same level of service as similar facilities throughout the City. Service is provided on a “cost recovery” basis, and permit fees partially offset the costs of services delivered. Construction activities underway prior to annexation may continue provided that all construction after annexation complies with City codes and ordinances.

All permits required by City codes and ordinances must be obtained for construction underway at the time of annexation. Permit fees will be waived for building construction underway prior to annexation.

B. Planning and Development Services

Planning and development services will be made available on the effective date of the annexation. Upon annexation, planning and development services will be provided by way of the Unified Development Ordinance, the Comprehensive Plan, and other applicable codes and standards. The Comprehensive Plan contains information on future land use and character. It also includes a growth management and capacity section designed to accommodate growth by matching land use intensity with planned infrastructure. Upon annexation, all properties will be zoned R (Rural). The Comprehensive Plan will be used as the basis for evaluating rezoning requests after annexation.

C. Animal Control

The Police Department will provide animal control service upon the effective date of annexation. Animal control services include response to and investigation of reported animal bites, response to reports of stray or “at large” animals, and response to and investigation of animal cruelty and neglect reports.

D. Code Enforcement

Code enforcement services will be made available on the effective date of annexation. Code enforcement services include response to and investigation of nuisance issues, sanitation issues, illegal signs, abandoned or inoperable motor vehicles, property maintenance issues, and zoning violations.

E. Economic and Community Development

Economic and community development services will be made available on the effective date of annexation. Economic and Community Development services include the City’s HOME Investment Partnership Grant programs (rehabilitation assistance and minor repair programs as well as the down payment assistance program) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. CDBG Funds can be used for economic development and the construction and rehabilitation of various parks, public facilities, and infrastructure in income eligible areas. These funds may also be used for disaster relief and recovery efforts.

F. Recycling Collection

For residential customers electing solid waste collection from the City of College Station, curbside recycling collection is also provided once per week. Items accepted in the curbside recycling program include:

- Newspapers, magazines, and phone books
- Aluminum and steel food cans
- Clear and brown glass
- Plastic bottles
- Lead acid car batteries

IV. WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE PROVISION

This Water and Wastewater Service Plan (“Plan”) provides a program under which the City of College Station will provide full municipal services to the annexed area. For the purpose of this plan, “full municipal services” includes water and sewer services provided by the City within its full-purpose boundaries. The level of water and sewer service, infrastructure, and infrastructure maintenance provided in the annexed area will be comparable to the level of services, infrastructure, and infrastructure maintenance available in other parts of the City before annexation with topography, land use, and population density similar to those reasonably contemplated or projected in the area. The City will not provide water or wastewater service in areas where another entity holds the CCN unless or until the City of College Station acquires the CCN. Municipal services may be provided by any of the methods by which the City provides services to other comparable areas within the City. All services will be provided within the time provided in the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 43.056(B). The City may extend facilities under this plan or otherwise serve these areas through the use of *Impact Fees* as permitted under CHAPTER 395 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

Wastewater facilities for future development that increases densities beyond the capital improvements specified in this plan will be extended in accordance with the City’s Water and Wastewater policy in existence at the time of development. The water and wastewater extension policy is discussed in Section V, Water and Wastewater Capital Improvements. In general, the policy for extension of utility service is development driven, meaning that utility line extensions are typically installed by developers, in conjunction with development projects. The City may accept ownership and maintenance of major facilities, such as gravity sewer lines, manholes, lift stations and/or wastewater package plants, as required by the particular development. The City may elect to pay for upgrades or oversize of infrastructure projects being installed by developers. As an area develops, developers or homeowners extend water distribution and wastewater collection lines to individual lots.

Generally, until an area becomes densely populated, the cost of utility extension is not feasible to be borne by a few lot owners. Also, in the case of wastewater treatment, developments with large lots will normally be constructed with on-site sewage treatment facilities that are privately owned and operated.

Water

The annexation area is in the water CCN service territory of Wellborn Special Utility District. The City of College Station does not have the right to provide water service in the annexation area, therefore, no water infrastructure will be provided by the City after annexation.

Wastewater

Wastewater service in the annexation area is currently provided by private on-site sewer facilities. The City recently installed a 12-inch gravity sewer main along the west side of Royder Road. Future development within the annexation area may access this sewer main through a combination of gravity lines and/or force mains.

As in other areas of College Station with similar topography, land use, and population density, the area currently served by private sewer treatment systems will remain on private systems until such time as significant development occurs to warrant the extension of an organized sanitary sewer collection system.

V. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Should the City make capital improvements to serve the annexed areas, the City reserves the right to levy an impact fee to the properties annexed according to Chapter 395 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE and the City's Code of Ordinances. The City may, from time to time, include construction of new, expanded or replacement facilities in its Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Facilities to be included in the CIP shall be determined on a City-wide basis. Priorities shall be established by the CIP plans of the City, projected growth trends, and the City Council through its development plans and policies.

A. Police Protection (including animal control)

No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide Police Services to the proposed annexation area. Police protection will be provided to the annexed areas through existing City facilities at a level of service comparable to the level of service in other parts of the City before annexation with topography, land use, and population density similar to those reasonable contemplated or projected in the area.

B. Fire Protection (including EMS)

No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide Fire Protection to the proposed annexation area. Fire protection will be provided to the annexed areas through existing City facilities and mutual aid agreements at a level of service comparable to the level of service in other parts of the City before annexation with topography, land use and population density similar to those reasonable contemplated or projected in the area.

C. Solid Waste Collection

No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide solid waste collection to the proposed annexation area. Solid waste collection services will be provided to the annexed areas through the City's existing facilities or through franchise agreements with private services at a level of service comparable to the level of service in other parts of the City before annexation with topography, land use and population density similar to those reasonable contemplated or projected in the area.

D. Maintenance of Public Roads and Streets

No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide right-of-way maintenance. Maintenance will be provided through the existing facilities at a level of service not less than exists in the area immediately preceding annexation. Any future improvement and/or enlargement of roads within existing rights-of-way will be included in future capital improvement programs in compliance with the City's thoroughfare plan and/or as needed to facilitate the maneuvering of emergency and sanitation service vehicles.

E. Parks, Playgrounds and Swimming Pools

No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide parks and recreation services to the proposed annexation area. Parks and recreation services will be provided through existing facilities at a level of service not less than exists in the area immediately preceding annexation.

Additional park development in the annexed areas will be addressed through the development standards and procedures of the City as residential development occurs. Such park development includes, but is not limited to, dedication of park land and/or money in lieu of land in accordance

with the City of College Station Unified Development Ordinance and an existing interlocal agreement with the College Station Independent School District.

F. Other Public Buildings and Facilities

No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide other public buildings and facilities to the proposed annexation area. Other public facilities, buildings or services will be provided through the existing facilities at a level of service not less than exists in the area immediately preceding annexation.

WATER AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The water and wastewater utility extension policy of the City of College Station is as follows:

The cost of off-site extension of water and wastewater facilities to serve a lot, tract, plat, or land development shall be borne by the owner or developer of the lot, tract, plat, or land by direct installation or through the use of *Impact Fees*. Where such extension is consistent with plans for the development of the City and its utility system the City may, by decision of the City Council, participate in the cost of construction so as to provide for additional capacity for the overall development of an area.

The cost of water and wastewater facilities necessary to serve existing lots or new development within a subdivision plat or land development shall be borne by the lot owner or developer of the plat or land by direct installation or through the use of *Impact Fees*. Standard tap fees or other installation fees in effect on a citywide basis are in addition to impact fees levied.

Water

No water infrastructure will be provided to this area after annexation. The annexation area is located within the water CCN service territory of Wellborn SUD. Therefore, the properties will continue to be served by Wellborn SUD after annexation.

Wastewater

Properties within the annexation area are either vacant or served by private on-site sewer treatment systems. Properties currently served by private on-site systems will continue to be served by said systems until such time development and/or redevelopment warrants the extension of an organized sanitary collection system.

VI. LEVEL OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

It is the intent of the City of College Station to provide the level of services required by State law. The City Council finds and determines that the services, infrastructure and infrastructure maintenance proposed by this plan are comparable to that provided to other parts of the City with topography, land use, and population density reasonably similar to the annexed area and will not reduce the level of services available to the territory prior to annexation.

Nothing in this plan shall require the City to provide a uniform level of full municipal services to each area of the City, including the annexed area, if different characteristics of topography, land use, and population density are considered a sufficient basis for providing different levels of service.

VII. TERM

This service plan shall be valid for a term of ten (10) years. Renewal of the service plan shall be at the discretion of the City Council.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

The service plan may be amended if the City Council determines at a public hearing that changed conditions or subsequent occurrences make this service plan unworkable or obsolete. The City Council may amend the service plan to conform to the changed conditions or subsequent occurrences pursuant to the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, Section 43.056 (VERNON 2008 and VERNON SUPP. 2009).