

City of Joplin Voluntary Annexation Procedures

The voluntary annexation of land into the City of Joplin requires procedures established by the Missouri State Statutes. This section of the law is attached for your use. To further assist in the procedures, the following checklist is provided.

1. The property to be annexed must be compact and contiguous to the existing boundaries of the City of Joplin. This must be determined to ensure that there are no unincorporated areas between the area to be annexed and the City of Joplin.
2. If the requested annexation area consists of single or multiple tracts of land a Petition requesting the annexation must be signed by all the owners of all fee interests of record in all tracts of real property to be annexed. This means that both a husband and wife must sign, however, a mortgage holder such as a bank does not need to sign. Please note that all signatures must be notarized. A form is included in this packet for your use.
3. The petition must be filed with the office of the City Attorney for verification. Attached to the petition must be a legal description describing the boundary of the property requested for annexation.
4. The petition will be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council for Public Hearing. This will determine the ability of the City to provide services within a reasonable amount of time and whether the land is reasonable and necessary for the development of the City.
5. If there are no written objections filed within fourteen (14) days by two (2) qualified voters in the area or by at least two percent (2%) of the qualified voters of the City, then, the City may complete the annexation by the adoption of an ordinance.
6. Upon completion of the above process, the City will file notice of the annexation with the County Clerk's Office in the county in which the annexed property lies.

Note: If you have any questions, you may call the Planning office at 624-0820, Extension 510 for assistance.

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI

**PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION
PURSUANT TO 71.012, RSMO., 1994**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the terms of V.A.M.S. 71.02, the undersigned, being all of the owners of fee interests of record in all tracts of real property attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", do hereby request the voluntary annexation of said land to the City of Joplin, Missouri.

STATE OF MISSOURI)
)
COUNTY OF JASPER) ss:

On this _____ day of _____, 200__, before me appeared _____ and _____, husband and wife, to me known to be the persons described in and who acknowledged that they executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set by hand and affixed by official seal, in the County and State aforesaid, the day and year first above written.

My commission expires: _____

Notary Public

Missouri Revised Statutes

Chapter 71 Provisions Relative to All Cities and Towns Section 71.012

August 28, 1997

Annexation procedure, hearing, exception (Perry County)--contiguous and compact defined--objection, procedure.

71.012. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 71.015 and 71.860 to 71.920, the governing body of any city, town, or village may annex unincorporated areas which are contiguous and compact to the existing corporate limits of the city, town, or village as provided in this section. The term "contiguous and compact" does not include a situation whereby the unincorporated area proposed to be annexed is contiguous to the annexing city, town or village only by a railroad line, trail, pipeline or other strip of real property less than one-quarter mile in width within the city, town or village so that the boundaries of the city, town or village after annexation would leave unincorporated areas between the annexed area and the prior boundaries of the city, town or village connected only by such railroad line, trail, pipeline or other such strip of real property. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the governing body of any city, town, or village in any county of the third classification which borders a county of the fourth classification, a county of the second classification and the Mississippi River may annex areas along a road or highway up to two miles from existing boundaries of the city, town or village.

2. (1) When a verified petition, requesting annexation and signed by the owners of all fee interests of record in all tracts of real property located within the area proposed to be annexed, is presented to the governing body of the city, town, or village, the governing body shall hold a public hearing concerning the matter not less than fourteen nor more than sixty days after the petition is received, and the hearing shall be held not less than seven days after notice of the hearing is published in newspapers of general circulation qualified to publish legal matters.

(2) At the public hearing any interested person, corporation or political subdivision may present evidence regarding the proposed annexation. If, after holding the hearing, the governing body of the city, town, or village determines that the annexation is reasonable and necessary to the proper development of the city, town, or village, and the city, town, or village has the ability to furnish normal municipal services to the area to be annexed within a reasonable time, it may, subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection, annex the territory by ordinance without further action.

(3) If a written objection to the proposed annexation is filed with the governing body of the city, town, or village not later than fourteen days after the public hearing by at least two percent of the qualified voters of the city, town, or village, or two qualified voters of the area sought to be annexed if the same contains two qualified voters, the provisions of sections 71.015 and 71.860 to 71.920, shall be followed.

3. If no objection is filed, the city, town, or village shall extend its limits by ordinance to include such territory, specifying with accuracy the new boundary lines to which the city's, town's, or village's limits are extended. Upon duly enacting such annexation ordinance, the city, town, or village shall cause three

certified copies of the same to be filed with the clerk of the county wherein the city, town, or village is located, and one certified copy to be filed with the election authority, if different from the clerk of the county which has jurisdiction over the area being annexed, whereupon the annexation shall be complete and final and thereafter all courts of this state shall take judicial notice of the limits of that city, town, or village as so extended.

(L. 1976 H.B. 1362, A.L. 1978 S.B. 738, A.L. 1980 H.B. 1110, A.L. 1986 H.B. 1135 and H.B. 1261, A.L. 1989 H.B. 487, A.L. 1990 H.B. 1536, A.L. 1993 S.B. 376, A.L. 1995 H.B. 414, A.L. 1996 H.B. 1237)

(1987) The objection procedure provided by subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of this section is not available to a county. *St. Louis County v. Village of Peerless Park*, 726 S.W.2d 405 (Mo.App. 1987).

(1987) The fact that a county will lose revenue or political power because of an annexation ordinance passed as provided in this section is not sufficiently adverse effect to confer standing upon the county to challenge such ordinance. *St. Louis County v. Village of Peerless Park*, 726 S.W.2d 405 (Mo.App. 1987).



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REQUIRED VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION INFORMATION

*****THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PETITION*****

Please complete the following information as it pertains to the requested voluntary annexation property. If you own more than one parcel in which you are requesting annexation you will need to complete this form for each parcel of property.

Property Owner Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Property Address: _____

1. Is this property residential property? _____ Yes _____ No

2. Are there any businesses located on this property? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, how many businesses are located on this property? _____

Please list the following information for each business located on the property:

Business #1: Business Name: _____

Business Mailing Address: _____

Name of Owner or Manager: _____

Business Contact Phone Number: _____

Is the Property Leased to the Business? _____ Yes _____ No

Type of Business (example: insurance, repair shop, etc.) _____

Does the business sell retail items? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what is their Missouri Sales Tax ID Number? _____

Does the business sell liquor? _____ Yes _____ No

Business #2: Business Name: _____

Business Mailing Address: _____

Name of Owner or Manager: _____

Business Contact Phone Number: _____

Is the Property Leased to the Business? _____ Yes _____ No

Type of Business (example: insurance, repair shop, etc.) _____

Does the business sell retail items? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what is their Missouri Sales Tax ID Number? _____

Does the business sell liquor? _____ Yes _____ No

(Over)

Are there residential living units on the property that are occupied or capable of being occupied? _____ Yes _____ No

If Yes, how many

Single-family house(s) _____ Amount
Duplex(s) _____ Amount
Tri-plex(s) _____ Amount
Apartment House(s) _____ Amount
Apartment Complex(s) _____ Amount

Do you plan to build residential living units on the property _____ Yes _____ No

If Yes, how many

Single-family house(s) _____ Amount
Duplex(s) _____ Amount
Tri-plex(s) _____ Amount
Apartment House(s) _____ Amount
Apartment Complex(s) _____ Amount

Are (or Will) the living unit(s) be on a well _____ Yes _____ No

If NO, please furnish the name of the water company _____

Are (or Will) the living unit(s) have a septic system? _____ Yes _____ No

If NO, please furnish the name of the municipal sewer system _____