Annexation Task Force Meeting
July 10, 2017

City of Sioux Falls
Annexation Flowchart

ANNEXATION

VOLUNTARY

PETITION

CITY INITIATED

PETITION

PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

STUDY

CITY COUNCIL 
FINAL 
DETERMINATION
1. How should the City of Sioux Falls proceed if a voluntary annexation request results in an unannexed pocket of property?

**TFM suggestion:** Make no changes to current policy other than making an effort of contacting that property owner about the possibility of becoming annexed.

**Examples:**
2. How should the City of Sioux Falls initiate an annexation discussion?

City Initiated Annexations

- Trigger condition met → City initiates discussion
- OR
- Annual pre-determined list → City initiates discussion
Annexation Qualifiers

The following slides illustrate possible triggers to consider. Discussion is not limited to the triggers listed.

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**Trigger 1**

Land surrounding unannexed property is developed. If yes, how much development triggers the discussion.

**Staff Comment:** Would help to eliminate unannexed pockets of land and provide consistency in planning.
Additional Task Force Member Idea

• If an existing rural development is contiguous to the City but with very little urban development around the site, the City should provide information about annexation to the property owners so they can begin planning for the future.
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**Trigger 2**

City utilities are connected to, adjacent to, or available to the unannexed property.

Staff Comment: Allows for flexibility in negotiating with property owners in regard to timeframes for hooking into city services.
Additional Task Force Member Idea

- If an existing rural development is contiguous to the City and is generally urban in character, complete an annexation study to determine infrastructure needs. This is needed to ensure the proper coordination of sewer, water, streets, and drainage for the area in the future.
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**Trigger 3**

CIP projects will be constructed adjacent to an unannexed property within three years.

*Staff Comment:* Provides property owners opportunities for utility connections or future development.
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**Trigger 4**

An unannexed property is situated along an existing improved street.

**Staff Comment:** In conjunction with other triggers, this would be to ensure that all property owners positioned along a fully developed street would be under the same regulations as those that are annexed, i.e. street maintenance fees.
4. Under what conditions would a pre-annexation agreement be appropriate?

Example: The City is looking to make an improvement in a specific area but the neighborhood does not have an approximate timeline on when urban services would become available.
Annexation Study Qualifiers

5. When should City Staff move forward with an annexation study?

**Example:** The City approaches a property owner about annexation but they are not interested in becoming annexed. If the City has a compelling reason to have the property annexed, it would follow the appropriate state law, local standards, and move forward with a study and the subsequent steps in the city-initiated annexation process for the property to become annexed.
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