

**Why annex?
Where annex?
How much can we afford to grow?**



City Council/Leadership

City conducts study to answer these questions.



Economic analysis looks at how annexation would affect the City's finances and ability to provide services, impacts to existing and potential new citizens and businesses.



Community analysis looks at non-financial impacts to the City government, existing and potential new citizens and businesses. Study includes community meetings, interviews and focus groups to understand: what are people curious or concerned about? Are there issues the City can pro-actively address?

Often, the areas that make the most sense for annexation are:

- areas where businesses and residents are already receiving services or where extension of services can be reasonably achieved;
- existing/potential commercial highway corridor(s) near the City, whose development has the potential to erode the City sales tax base;
- undeveloped/under-developed area(s) that would benefit from City services and development standards before they are developed;
- areas where health and safety issues exist, or where a request has been received by the City to provide services.

Does annexation make sense?

Public Comment
Opportunity for public testimony at City Council meeting(s)

NO, annexation does not make sense.



No petition

YES, annexation makes sense.
City prepares petition:



Map to show territories to annex



Rationale for annexing these territories, meeting LBC criteria



Transition plan to guide extension of services, zoning designation, etc.

 City Council votes whether to submit petition to LBC and go forward.

Public Comment
Opportunity for public testimony at City Council meeting(s)

 Votes **NO** to submit petition.



Does not submit petition

Alternative methods to submit a petition

Besides having a petition endorsed by City leadership through a vote by City Council, there are other ways to submit a petition, including:

- a petition signed by at least 10% of registered voters in the City;
- a petition signed by at least 10% of registered voters in the territory proposed for annexation;
- a petition submitted by the Legislature or Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce (DCCED) (*this is rare*);
- a petition submitted by a person designated by the Local Boundary Commission to submit a petition (*this is also rare*)

 Votes **YES** to submit petition.
Submits petition to LBC for review.

 LBC staff review for technical compliance and whether it meets objective criteria.

City may be asked to make changes before the petition is filed.

Public Comment and Respondent Brief Filings
Opportunity for public to provide written feedback
During this staff review period, LBC Staff may direct the City to hold additional public meetings/informational sessions.

 After LBC staff review is complete and any technical issues are addressed, the LBC staff write a report to the LBC about the petition.

The report is attached to the City's petition and filed with the LBC.

Public Comment and Response Briefs

LBC makes a decision.

Public Hearing
The LBC holds a public hearing before making its decision.

 **Deny** City may prepare a new petition in the future

 **Approve**

 **Conditionally approve**

 If conditionally approved, the City will be directed to make changes and resubmit the petition.

If LBC approves, annexation can be passed by either area voters in a local election or state legislators.

OR

 **Local Election**
Vote of residents within City and proposed territory.
Election results are certified and provided to LBC staff.

 **Legislature reviews.**
Passed unless disapproved by the majority of both houses.