

Rationale for Annexation

The proposed annexation consists of a collection of separate unincorporated enclaves located throughout the City of Olathe. These enclaves are surrounded or nearly surrounded by the City, and many of these properties are developed at a non-rural density. Some enclaves currently receive City services directly. Often, the City of Olathe is the first provider for fire and police services in these unincorporated areas, as a result of cooperative agreements with County service providers.

The proposed annexation will create logical, harmonious boundary lines, reduce overlap and inefficiency in service provision, and remove ambiguity in City and County service areas. The proposed annexation will also ensure that the cost of services is spread fairly to those who use the services. Specifically, the proposed annexation will achieve the following objectives:

- Provide services efficiently by reducing overlap between City and County service areas, and enabling extension of City services to occur in a contiguous manner
- Provide services fairly by ensuring that residents in enclave areas have access to City services and that the costs of services are distributed fairly to those who use them
- Reduce potential negative impacts of new development on existing residents through zoning, plan review, and enforcement of City standards
- Avoid haphazard patterns of development through consistent development standards and a coherent, integrated planning process
- Resolve jurisdictional ambiguity for unincorporated enclaves and transition areas where incorporated and unincorporated areas are interspersed with each other by creating harmonious, logical boundary lines
- Provide opportunities for input by residents on growth and development issues in the area
- Facilitate the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan for growth and development in the City of Olathe