

RESOLUTION 2022-02

COUNCIL RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNEXATION POLICIES & GUIDELINES FOR THE TOWN OF MONROVIA, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Monrovia, Indiana (hereinafter the “Council”), is responsible for the administration and delivery of local government services within the Town of Monrovia (hereinafter the “Town”), a unit of government as defined by Indiana Code, and in accordance with the authority bestowed by I.C. § 36-4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Council and its members have engaged in considerable and meaningful discussions by and between individual Council members and other Town officials, school officials, civic and community leaders, and any citizen who desired to offer an idea or opinion, and said individuals were comprised of those within the Town and in the surrounding area generally; and,

WHEREAS, after participating in these discussions, and giving due deliberation and consideration to the subject of annexation, the Council has reached a determination that the annexation of territory which is either (1) already of an urban or town character, or (2) needed and useable by the Town for its development in the reasonably near future; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the foregoing, the Town should pursue such annexation that in order to provide for further development of the Town and effectively plan and prepare for such development, and in so doing provide residents of any such territory that is annexed into the Town’s corporate limits the ability to participate in local government and benefit from the services offered by the Town, as well as continue to increase the Town’s revenues to maintain and enhance said services, thereby enabling continued and future development and prosperity; and,

WHEREAS, providing these opportunities for the Town to expand its footprint and population while simultaneously increasing its ability to generate additional revenue, economic growth, and opportunity, lead the Council to conclude that the benefits to the Town and its citizens are substantial and the negative consequences are minimal to none.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the following policies and guidelines shall be the policy of the Town of Monrovia as it pertains to annexation:

1. Annexation is a common, natural, and positive response to current and anticipated growth, and should be considered in any circumstance in which it appears that doing so would be desirable or sensible for the Town and would result in an overall positive fiscal impact for the Town.

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2. Annexation shall be pursued based on priorities that support the Town's desired development.
3. Annexation action should not result in a general property tax increase within the currently incorporated Town limits.
4. The annexation of territory that includes problems or concerns that hinder or reduce the financial benefit to the Town as a result of the aforementioned problems or concerns inundating the Town and overwhelming its ability to adequately respond to such a wide-scale problem.
5. In accordance therewith, the Council and any other party involved in prospective annexation, whether said involvement be directly or indirectly, shall act prudently and with due regard to the importance of making a deliberative and informed decision, but shall also strive to reach such a decision in as expedient of a manner as possible.
6. The Council as well as other Town officials and community leaders believe that the active and vigorous pursuit of such annexation opportunities is not only prudent to the best interests of the Town and its citizens, but also stands the possibility of being an immense benefit to the Town.
7. And while any proposal is apt to vary on a case-by-case basis due to the fact-sensitive nature of such actions, and there certainly may be occasions in which the pursuit of annexation is not advisable or beneficial to the Town, it shall nonetheless be the policy and guideline of the Town of Monrovia heretofore that annexation is generally considered to be desirable and advantageous for the Town.
8. The Town shall provide opportunities for parcels within its current boundaries as well as any such annexed area to obtain access to Town services, including the ability to connect to and use sanitary sewer and potable water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Monrovia, as follows:

1. The foregoing *Resolution Adopting Annexation Policies & Guidelines for the Town of Monrovia, Indiana* is adopted and effective at the time of adoption as the stated guideline and policy of the Town of Monrovia and shall remain so until such time as the Council revokes the same or adopts a Resolution or Ordinance that conflicts with or specifically invalidates this Resolution and/or any portion of the policies and guidelines contained herein.

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ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of April, 2022.

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