RESOLUTION NO. 3785

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY OF BEAVERTON URBAN SERVICE AREA AND CORPORATE LIMITS ANNEXATION POLICIES

WHEREAS, the City of Beaverton presently has no defined policies regarding annexation of adjacent urban unincorporated areas, including unincorporated islands; and

WHEREAS, the City's progress toward annexing its assumed urban services area has been slow; and

WHEREAS, previous incremental annexations have resulted in City limits that are odd and create confusion about their location, with many unincorporated "islands" surrounded by properties within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to create more logical boundaries and create complete incorporated neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, a more assertive policy toward annexation of certain types of properties could improve the City's ability to provide services to its residents efficiently and at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, a more assertive annexation policy could result in more City control of development in adjacent unincorporated areas that could affect the City; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County 2000 policy is to have all urban unincorporated areas annexed by cities over time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAVERTON, OREGON

Council directs the Mayor to pursue the annexation of properties in adjacent urban unincorporated areas in accordance with the policies in Attachment A to this resolution.

Adopted by the Council this 1st day of November, 2004.

Approved by the Mayor this 2ND day of NOVEMBER, 2004.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

ATTEST:

SUE NELSON, City Recorder

APPROVED:

ROB DRAKE, Mayor

City of Beaverton Urban Service Area and Corporate Limits Annexation Policies

A. City of Beaverton Urban Service Area Policy

The City remains committed to annexing its urban services area over time, but the City will be selective regarding the methods of annexation it chooses to use. The City of Beaverton prefers to avoid use of annexation methods that may force annexation against the will of a majority of voters in larger unincorporated residential neighborhoods. The City is, however, open to annexation of these areas by other means where support for annexation is expressed, pursuant to a process specified by State law, by a majority of area voters and/or property owners. The City is open to pursuing infrastructure/service planning for the purposes of determining the current and future needs of such areas and how such areas might best fit into the City of Beaverton provided such unincorporated residents pursue an interest of annexing into the City.

B. City of Beaverton Corporate Limits Policy

The City of Beaverton is committed to annexing those unincorporated areas that generally exist inside the City's corporate limits. Most of these areas, known as "islands", generally receive either direct or indirect benefit from City services. The Washington County 2000 Policy, adopted in the mid-1980s, recognizes that the County should not be a long-term provider of municipal services and that urban unincorporated areas including unincorporated islands should eventually be annexed to cities. As such, primarily through the use of the 'island annexation method', the City's objectives in annexing such areas are to:

- Minimize the confusion about the location of City boundaries for the provision of services;
- Improve the efficiency of city service provision, particularly police patrols;
- Control the development/redevelopment of properties that will eventually be within the City's boundaries;
- Create complete neighborhoods and thereby eliminate small pockets of unincorporated land; and
- Increase the City's tax base and minimize increasing the City's mill rate.

In order to achieve these stated objectives, the City chooses to generally pursue the following areas for 'island annexation' into the City of Beaverton:

- Undeveloped property zoned for industrial, commercial uses or mixed uses;
- Developed or redevelopable property zoned for industrial, commercial or mixed uses;
- Undeveloped or redevelopable property zoned for residential use;
- Smaller developed property zoned residential (within a neighborhood that is largely incorporated within the City of Beaverton).