



CITY OF PORTLAND, TEXAS

SERVICE PLAN FOR ANNEXATION AREA

Municipal services to the Annexation Area will be furnished by or on behalf of the City of Portland, Texas at the following levels and in accordance with the following service plan programs:

1. Program For Services To Be Provided On The Effective Date Of Annexation

The City will provide the following services in the Annexation Area on the effective date of the annexation, unless otherwise noted.

As used in this plan, the term “providing services” includes having services provided by any method or means by which the City may extend municipal services to any other area of the City, including the City's infrastructure extension policies and developer or property owner participation in accordance with applicable city ordinances.

A. Police Protection

The Portland Police Department will provide all law enforcement services to the Annexation Area. Police services, including all routine services, will begin on the effective date of the annexation using existing personnel and equipment.

B. Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

Fire protection, including emergency response calls, will begin immediately in the Annexation Area upon the effective date of annexation, using existing personnel and equipment. All services currently provided by the Portland Fire Department will be available to this area. As a semi-rural development, these areas can be served with existing resources and do not require additional equipment or service lines for provision of adequate service.

C. Solid Waste Collection

The City of Portland contracts with an exclusive solid waste collection contractor to pick up residential and small business garbage once each week. This service will be extended into the Annexation Area on the effective date of the annexation at the applicable rate for all City residents.

D. Operation and Maintenance of Water and Wastewater Facilities

Existing occupied homes that are using water well and on-site sewer facilities (and therefore have service) may continue to use the existing water well and on-site sewer facilities. If the existing property owner would like to connect to the City water and sewer system, then the property owner may request connection consistent with the Texas Local Government Code. All lots that are being served by the existing Portland water system will continue to be operated by Portland after annexation.

E. Operation and Maintenance of Roadways

On the effective date of the annexation, the City will provide for ongoing operation and maintenance of public roads and streets, consistent with City policy and procedure throughout the City.

As new development occurs within the annexed area, the developers of property will be required to construct streets in accordance with the City's subdivision policies in place at the time of development. Upon completion and dedication of new facilities to the City, the City shall provide on-going operation and maintenance for those facilities.

F. Operation and Maintenance of Community Facilities

Residents of this property may utilize all existing parks, libraries, and community service facilities throughout the City, beginning with the effective date of the annexation. Existing parks, playgrounds, swimming pools and other recreational and community facilities within the Annexation Area that are private facilities will be unaffected by the annexation.

Existing parks, playgrounds, swimming pools and other recreational and community facilities within this property shall, upon deeding to and acceptance by the City and appropriations for maintenance and operations, be operated by the City of Portland, but not otherwise.

G. Operation and Maintenance of Any Other Publicly-Owned Facility, Building, or Service

In the event the City acquires any other facilities, buildings or services necessary for municipal services located in the Annexation Area, the appropriate City department will provide maintenance services.

2. Program for Providing Full Municipal Services within 2 ½ Years

In addition to the services listed above, the City will provide full municipal services to the Annexation Area commensurate with the levels of services provided in other parts of the City except if differences in topography, land use, and population density constitute a sufficient basis for providing different levels of service, no later than two

and one-half (2 ½) years after the effective date of the annexation. If full municipal services cannot be reasonably provided within the aforementioned time period, the City will propose a schedule for providing said services within a period of four and one-half (4 ½) years after the effective date of the annexation, and/or upon commencement of development of a subdivision within this property, whichever occurs later.

“Full municipal services” are services provided by the annexing municipality within its full-purpose boundaries, excluding gas or electrical service. The City shall provide the services by any of the methods by which it extends the services to any other area of the City.

3. Non-Annexation or Development Agreements

The City is offering non-annexation development agreements to eligible property owners located in this area for a specified term of fifteen (15) years. Eligible property owners are those individuals who currently receive an agricultural, timber, or wildlife management property tax exemption on their property. Specific terms and conditions will be provided in individual non-annexation development agreements.

4. Uniform Level of Service Not Required

Nothing in this plan shall require the City of Portland to provide a uniform level of full municipal services to each area of the City, including the annexed area, if different characteristics of topography, land use, and population density are considered a sufficient basis for providing different levels of service.

5. Term

This service plan shall be valid for a term of ten (10) years. Renewal of the service plan shall be at the discretion of the City Council.

6. Amendments

The service plan may be amended if the City Council determines at a public hearing that changed conditions or subsequent occurrences make this service plan unworkable or obsolete. The City Council may amend the service plan to conform to the changed conditions or subsequent occurrences pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Section 43.056.