

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION

In the matter of:

State Boundary Commission
Docket #15-AR-2

The proposed annexation of land in
Ann Arbor Township to the City of Ann Arbor,
Washtenaw County.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS,
FINDINGS OF FACT & CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. On July 7, 2015, eight (8) petitions requesting the annexation of land areas in the Charter Township of Ann Arbor to the City of Ann Arbor were filed with the State Boundary Commission by the City of Ann Arbor under Section 9(7)(a) of the Home Rule City Act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.1 - 117.38 and 117.9(7)(a). All eight (8) areas proposed for annexation are either freestanding islands or uninhabited portions of larger freestanding islands of the Charter Township of Ann Arbor within the City of Ann Arbor's municipal boundary. The map and legal description for the area proposed for annexation are included as **Exhibit A**.
2. On December 9, 2015, the State Boundary Commission unanimously found all eight (8) petitions to be legally sufficient and scheduled a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2016.
3. The Charter Township of Ann Arbor and the City of Ann Arbor each completed the State Boundary Commission's **Criteria Questionnaire for Annexation**. The completed questionnaires were received by the Commission on December 22, 2015 and December 23, 2015, respectively. The City of Ann Arbor also completed the State Boundary Commission's **Petitioner Questionnaire for Annexation**. This questionnaire was received by the Commission on December 22, 2015.
4. On February 3, 2016, the Commission held a public hearing in the City of Ann Arbor at the City Hall Municipal Building. At the hearing, the Commission heard comment from the involved parties and members of the public on the merits of the proposed annexations. Following the hearing, a 30-day public comment period was opened and expired on March 5, 2016. A rebuttal period was not needed because no public comments were received during the open period.

5. On June 8, 2016, the State Boundary Commission voted 3-1 to recommend to the Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs that she approve the petition for annexation.
6. On August 10, 2016, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for the June 8, 2016 meeting reflecting the Commissioners' decisions on this issue, and the draft Summary of Proceedings, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law recommending that the Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs sign an order approving the proposed annexation of land in Ann Arbor Township to the City of Ann Arbor. The approved meeting minutes are included as **Exhibit C**.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Ann Arbor Township parcel proposed to be annexed into the City of Ann Arbor is surrounded by land within the City of Ann Arbor jurisdiction.
2. The primary reason the City of Ann Arbor is initiating annexation of Ann Arbor Township parcels is to reduce the duplication of municipal services. Currently, both the City and Township provide police and fire services within these boundaries. Annexing the properties will reduce duplication of service and increase the emergency response efficiency.
3. Annexing the property will allow the City to more effectively plan and implement infrastructure improvements.
4. In 1994, the City of Ann Arbor and the Charter Township of Ann Arbor entered into an annexation agreement that indicated that after December 31, 2007, the Township would no longer contest City initiated annexations in an agreed upon service area. This annexation application is consistent with the 1994 agreement.
5. The proposed annexation includes fewer than 100 persons.
6. The City of Ann Arbor initiated annexation of this property by City Council resolution on June 15, 2015. The resolution is included in **Exhibit B**.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The State Boundary Commission has considered the requirements in Section 9 of 1968 PA 191, MCL 123.1009, and has come to the conclusion that these criteria support the majority vote of the Commission. The Commission recommends that in the case of Docket #15-AR-2, Petition for Annexation of land in Ann Arbor Charter Township to the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, be approved by the Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.
2. Pursuant to Executive Reorganization Order 1996-2, this approval is contingent on the concurrence of the Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.



David Doyle, Chairperson



Date