Re: Cover Letter for Annexation Notice

August 31, 2023

Dir Sir or Madam,

You are receiving this correspondence because the land records indicate you may be entitled to notice of a proposed annexation to the City of Vinita, Oklahoma. Enclosed, please find the ‘Notice of Proposed Annexation and Public Hearing,’ along with a geographical location/physical description and a map of the territory proposed to be annexed, attached to the Notice as Exhibit “A,” which were approved by the Vinita City Council on August 29, 2023.

Please note: You may own land in the territory proposed to be annexed, or your land may be adjacent to the territory proposed to be annexed. Please see the enclosed map and description for more information.

We have also enclosed a Consent form. Consent is optional for landowners in the territory proposed to be annexed. If you own land in the territory proposed to be annexed, and you choose to consent, please execute the Consent and return it to the City Clerk, Brian Prince, at Vinita City Hall before or during the Public Hearing scheduled for September 26, at 3:00 p. m. at Vinita City Hall.

If you have questions, please contact Brain Prince, City Clerk, Alan Goforth, City Administrator (both at City Hall), City Attorney Ryan H. Olsen at Logan & Lowry, LLP, and/or attend the Public Hearing.
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the direction of the City Council of the City of Vinita, notice is hereby given to the general public regarding the proposed annexation of territory to the corporate limits of the City of Vinita as more particularly described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto. A copy of the Plan to Extend Municipal Services is available for inspection in the office of the City Clerk at Vinita City Hall during normal business hours, and available on cityofvinita.com.

The public is further notified that the City of Vinita will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed annexation on the 26th day of September, 2023 at the hour of 3:00 o’clock p. m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall in the City of Vinita, Oklahoma located at 104 E. Illinois Ave, Vinita, OK 74301. All interested members of the public are invited to attend.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2023.

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EXHIBIT “A”

August 29, 2023, Proposed Annexation to the City of Vinita

Geographical location of the real property proposed to be annexed to the City of Vinita

Also, please see the attached map

1. Beginning at the current Vinita city limits along County Road (CR) 270, west of CR4415, 301 feet running east on the South side of U.S. Highway (US) 60 to CR4420,

2. 301 feet running east on the North and South sides of US60 from CR4420 to CR4440,

3. 500 feet running east on the South side of US60 from CR4440 to State Highway (SH) 85 (including all land owned by Steven Hayes, consisting of approximately 10 acres, regardless of it extending more than 500 feet to the South of US60.)

4. 500 feet running east on the North side of US60 from CR4470 to CR4500/US60 (junction with SH85),

5. 500 feet running north on the West side of CR4500/US60 from junction with SH85 to CR260,

6. 500 feet on the East and West sides of SH82 from US60 running south for 1 mile (including approximately 71.94 acres on the West side of SH82 owned by James and Marilyn Ratcliff, and approximately 42 acres on the East side of SH82 owned by Wayne Moorhead, and approximately 5 acres on the East side of SH82 owned by Joseph J. Hiseley), and

7. All land inside the following boundary:

   a. Running on the West side of CR4470 from US60 to CR250, then west to the RR Tracks and then southwest to the West side of the OGB Holdings, LLC property line, then south to the South side of CR260, then west to the East side of CR4440, then south to the North side of US60; Less and except all land (approximately 315 acres) owned by APAC-Oklahoma, Inc.
CITY OF VINITA PLAN TO EXTEND MUNICIPAL SERVICES

August 2023 Annexation

Immediately upon annexation, the City of Vinita shall provide fire protection and law enforcement services to the annexed area described in Exhibit “A” to the August 2023 Annexation Notice. Within one hundred twenty (120) months from the date of annexation, unless a different time is determined by consensus between property owners and the City of Vinita at the public hearing, the City of Vinita shall provide trash, water, and sewer services to the annexed area described in said Exhibit “A.” The services shall be provided in a nondiscriminatory manner and may be provided by any method or means available to the municipality to extend municipal services to any other area of the city. The cost of such services shall be appropriate to the proposed annexed territory.

The City of Vinita shall complete implementation of the plan in accordance with any existing capital improvement plan applicable to the portion of the municipality adjacent to the territory proposed to be annexed, if any. However, if no such capital improvement plan exists, the municipality shall complete the service plan within one hundred twenty (120) months from the date of annexation unless a different time is determined by consensus between property owners and the City of Vinita at the public hearing. The time for completion of the service plan shall be set forth in the ordinance annexing the territory.

If municipality services are not substantially complete within the prescribed time, then the territory shall be detached by the Vinita City Council as provided in Okla. Stat. tit. 11, § 21-110.

See Vinita Police Department notice, Vinita Fire Department notice, and waterline engineering documents incorporated herewith.
To: Vinita City Council
From: Mark Johnson, Chief of Police
Date: 08/29/2023
Re: Services for Proposed Annexation

This letter serves as notice that the Vinita Police Department is capable of providing law enforcement services for the proposed new annexation (shown below) effective October 1, 2023.

Initially, changes in positioning of current officers during their duty shifts may take place to better provide protection and services to the additional properties. This change would also provide traffic enforcement and a more rapid response to traffic collisions or other emergencies in the area of annexation.

Upon development of the annexation, the Vinita Police Department anticipates growth of the area and an influx of traffic. With this in mind, expansion of the police department is also expected to maintain a satisfactory level of service to the citizens of our growing community.
Vinita Fire Department  
203 W. Canadian Ave  
918-256-2674  
www.vinitafire.com  
chief@vinitafire.com

Mayor and Council,

I have reviewed the newly proposed annexation map the city may soon implement. This letter is to inform you that Fire, Rescue, and First Response services and operations provided to the new jurisdiction will not be an issue and we will be able to provide the services by October 1, 2023. In fact, the majority of the area is already within our fire protection district. The Vinita Fire Department will be able to provide the exact same coverage and high standards of services to the newly annexed area as we currently provide to our existing jurisdiction. I would also like to note that we currently have mutual aid agreements with several surrounding fire departments that closely border the annexed lines. One of which is a full-time staffed department. This is, of course, just an extra added bonus in coverage for the newly annexed area. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chief Huxtable
Below please find a Consent to Annexation form for you to utilize if you are a property owner within the proposed annexed area and you consent to the proposed annexation of your property. In such event, you are requested to return the executed form to the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vinita at 104 E. Illinois Avenue, Vinita, OK 74301 prior to the public hearing set below.

CONSENT TO ANNEXATION

I, the undersigned property owner, ____________________________, do hereby formally request and consent to the proposed annexation by the CITY OF VINITA, Oklahoma, of the real property more particularly described on Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Dated this _____ day of ________________, 2023.

Property Owner

________________________________________
(Signature)

Property Owner

________________________________________
(Signature)