



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Planning and Economic Development Division

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TO: Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Reed A. Berger, AICP, Economic Development Coordinator

DATE: July 5, 2001

SUBJECT: **Motion to cause the involuntary annexation of territory surrounded by the City of Urbana and located along North Lincoln Avenue.**

INTRODUCTION

Staff is requesting the City Council to approve the attached motion at its regular meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 16, 2001 directing the City Clerk to publish the attached Notice of Annexation. The notice is required by State statute to advise affected property owners, residents, and the general public, that the City of Urbana will consider an ordinance on August 6, 2001 causing the annexation of three unincorporated properties that were completely surrounded by the City of Urbana's corporate boundaries last year.

BACKGROUND

The City annexed Dunn Farm last year as a part of our effort to address the "Big Grove" threat and to begin preparations for improving North Lincoln Avenue, including a bridge over the Saline Branch ditch to provide access to the transfer station recently proposed for siting approval by Central Waste. Now that the transfer station siting process has been completed staff proposes to annex the remaining unincorporated territory adjacent to the section of Lincoln Avenue that is scheduled for improvements during the next year.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The subject properties are currently served by the Eastern Prairie Fire Protection District located across the Illinois Central railroad tracks near Market Place Mall. The City's north fire station on Lincoln Avenue offers a more direct route with a better response time. This difference in distance and time to respond to an emergency to this area is a concern with respect to providing effective service.

The properties proposed to be annexed are zoned industrial in the County and would be automatically zoned industrial in the City.

If the Council approves the motion contemplating annexation, then staff will contact the property owners regarding the cost and benefits associated with annexation and initiate appropriate notice to affected property owners, residents, and taxing districts.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Committee of the Whole forward the attached MOTION RESPECTING THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY ON NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE SURROUNDED BY THE URBANA CITY LIMITS to the regular City Council meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm Monday, August 6, 2001.

Prepared by: _____
Reed Berger, Economic Development Coordinator

c: Mayor Satterthwaite and City Council Members
City Department Heads

NOTICE OF ANNEXATION

Pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/7-1-13) , notice is hereby given that the annexation of the territory described below is contemplated by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Urbana, Illinois, and that they propose to consider and take action on ordinances annexing such territory at a regular meeting of the Urbana City Council on Monday, August 6, 2001 at 7:30 p.m in the City Council Chambers of the City Building, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Commonly known for reference as 3107 N. Lincoln Avenue and also identified as Parcel Index Numbers 25-15-31-400-001.

and

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Commonly known for reference as 3201 N. Lincoln Avenue and also identified as Parcel Index Numbers 25-15-31-400-019.

and

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Commonly known for reference as 3301 N. Lincoln Avenue and also identified as Parcel Index Numbers 25-15-32-300-011.

Questions regarding the proposed annexations should be directed to Reed Berger, Economic Development Coordinator (phone 217-384-2442) or email raberger@city.urbana.il.us.

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

A SUGGESTED MOTION RESPECTING THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY ON NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE SURROUNDED BY THE URBANA CITY LIMITS

“I move that the City Clerk be directed to cause a notice to be published in the News Gazette newspaper advising that annexation of unincorporated territory which is presently wholly surrounded by the City of Urbana and commonly referred to as 3107 N. Lincoln Avenue, 3201 N. Lincoln Avenue, and 3301 N. Lincoln Avenue is under contemplation by this Council.”

