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**CITY OF AUSTIN**  
**DRAFT ANNEXATION SERVICE PLAN**

**Case Name** Venue at Lake Travis  
**Case Number** C7a-07-025  
**Date** October 22, 2007

**INTRODUCTION**

This Service Plan ( Plan ) is made by the City of Austin, Texas ( City ) pursuant to Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code. This Plan relates to the annexation to the City of a tract of land ("annexation area") known as the Venue at Lake Travis Annexation Area. The annexation area includes approximately 48 acres located in Travis County at the southwest corner of the intersection of RM 620 and Bullick Hollow Road and is adjacent to the city's full purpose jurisdiction on the north and east sides.

The area is currently undeveloped and includes the proposed Venue at Lake Travis PUD. The annexation area is described by metes and bounds in Exhibit A, which is attached to this Plan and to the annexation ordinance of which this Plan is a part. The annexation area is also shown on the map in Exhibit A.

**EFFECTIVE TERM**

This Plan shall be in effect for a ten-year period commencing on the effective date of the annexation, unless otherwise stated in this Plan. Renewal of the Plan shall be at the option of the City. Such option may be exercised by the adoption of an ordinance by the City Council, which refers to this Plan and specifically renews this Plan for a stated period of time.

**INTENT**

It is the intent of the City of Austin that services under this Plan shall provide full municipal services as required and defined by the Texas Local Government Code.

The City reserves the right guaranteed to it by the Texas Local Government Code, to amend this Plan if the City Council determines that changed conditions or subsequent occurrence or any other legally sufficient circumstances exist under the Local Government Code, or other Texas laws to make this Plan unworkable or obsolete or unlawful.

**SERVICE COMPONENTS**

As streets in the area are dedicated and accepted for maintenance they will be included in the City's preventative maintenance program. Preventative maintenance projects are prioritized on a City-wide basis and scheduled based on a variety of factors, including surface condition (distresses), rideability (smoothness), age, traffic volume, functional classification, and available funding.

If necessary, the Transportation Division of the Transportation and Public Works Department will also provide regulatory signage services in the annexation area. Traffic signal, stop, and all other regulatory studies are conducted in conjunction with growth of traffic volumes. All regulatory signs and signals are installed when warranted following an engineering study. Faded, vandalized, or missing signs are replaced as needed. "CALL BACK" service provided 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for emergency repair of critical regulatory signs.

Street lighting will be maintained in accordance with state law.

- g. Maintenance of Parks, Playgrounds, and Swimming Pools At this time there are no public recreation facilities in the area.

Recreational facilities and area amenities, including parks, pools, and medians, that are privately owned, maintained, or operated will be unaffected by the annexation.

- h. Maintenance of Any Other Publicly-Owned Facility, Building, or Service Should the City acquire any other facilities, buildings, or services necessary for municipal services located within the annexation area, an appropriate City department will provide maintenance services for them.

## **2 ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Certain services, in addition to the above services, will be provided within the annexation area. They are as follows:

- a. Watershed Protection and Development Review Department The City of Austin's Watershed Protection and Development Review Department will provide drainage maintenance services in the Annexation area. Drainage planning and maintenance are fee-based services. Services currently provided by the department, in accordance with and as limited by applicable codes, laws, ordinances and special agreements, include:
- Water Quality Protection: Environmental Impact Assessments, Aquatic Endangered Species Protection, City Compliance with State and Federal Water Quality Regulations, Pollution Detection, Tracking and Forecasting, Stormwater Quality Education, Stormwater Treatment, Water Quality Education, Pollution Prevention and Reduction.
  - Watershed Protection Master Planning for Flood Hazard Mitigation, Streambank Restoration and Erosion Control, and Water Quality Protection.
  - Land Development Review and Inspection: Land Development Review and Assistance, Environmental Inspection.
  - Building Development Regulations: Commercial Building Plan Review, Permit Center, Permit Inspections.

- Flood Hazard Mitigation Voluntary Floodplain Home Buyout Program, Regional Stormwater Management Evaluation, Creek Flood Hazard Mitigation, Localized Flood Hazard Mitigation, Flood Early Warning System Floodplain Management
- Streambank Restoration and Erosion Management Streambank Restoration and Erosion Management Services
- Infrastructure and Waterway Maintenance Creek Vegetation Control, Erosion Repair, Open Waterway Maintenance, Pond Inspection and Maintenance, Storm Drain Cleaning, Storm Drain Rehabilitation, Town Lake Cleanup

b Library Upon annexation residents may utilize all Austin Public Library facilities

c Austin Health and Human Services Department/Travis County Health Department Upon annexation, the following services will be available from the Department

- investigation of public health related complaints including foodborne illness, recreational water quality and public swimming pools and spas,
- enforcement of the City's smoking in public places ordinance and the minor's access to tobacco ordinance,
- inspection of food establishments, child care facilities,
- investigation of reported elevated blood lead levels in children
- animal services including leash law, pet licensing and rabies control,
- rodent and vector control consultation

d Austin Energy Austin Energy will continue to provide electric utility service to all areas which the City is authorized to serve by the Public Utility Commission of Texas

e Anti-litter Services The Austin Solid Waste Services Department will provide anti-litter services in the annexed area. Anti-litter is a fee-based service. Services currently provided in the City include

- bulky item collection – twice per year, a notice to customers is provided in advance of the pickup date,
- large brush collection – twice per year, a notice to customers is provided in advance of the pickup date,
- street sweeping service – approximately six (6) times per year for streets with curb and gutter,
- dead animal collection – dead animals are removed from roadways upon request,
- household hazardous waste drop-off facility – use of facility on regularly scheduled days of operation
- tall weed and grass and litter abatement programs

f Other Services All other City Departments with jurisdiction in the area will provide services according to City policy and procedure

### **3 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**

The City will initiate the construction of capital improvements necessary for providing municipal services for the annexation area as necessary

Each component of the Capital Improvement Program is subject to the City providing the related service directly. In the event that the related service is provided through a contract service provider, the capital improvement may not be constructed or acquired by the City but may be provided by the contract provider. The City may also lease buildings in lieu of construction of any necessary buildings.

a Police Protection No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide Police services

b Fire Protection No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide Fire services

c Emergency Medical Service No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide EMS services

d Solid Waste Collection No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide solid waste collection services

e Water and Wastewater Facilities No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide water and wastewater services

Water and wastewater services to new development and subdivisions will be provided according to the standard policies and procedures of the Austin Water Utility, which may require the developer of a new subdivision to install water and wastewater lines. The extension of water and sewer service will be provided in accordance with the attached water and wastewater service extension policy.

f Roads and Streets No City road or street related capital improvements are necessary at this time. In general, the City will acquire control of all public roads and jurisdiction in, over and under all public roads and public streets within the annexation area upon annexation. Future extensions of roads or streets and future installation of related facilities, such as traffic control devices, will be governed by the City's standard policies and procedures.

g Parks, Playgrounds and Swimming Pools No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide services

h Watershed Protection and Development Review Department No capital improvements are necessary at this time to provide services

i Street Lighting It is anticipated that the developer of new subdivisions in the area will install public street lighting. Street lighting in new and existing subdivisions will be installed and maintained in accordance with the applicable standard policies and procedures.

j Other Publicly Owned Facilities, Building or Services Additional Services In general, other City functions and services, and the additional services described above can be

provided for the annexation area by using existing capital improvements. Additional capital improvements are not necessary to provide City services.

- k. Capital Improvements Planning. The annexation area will be included with other territory in connection with planning for new or expanded facilities, functions, and services.

## **AMENDMENT GOVERNING LAW**

This Plan may not be amended or repealed except as provided by the Texas Local Government Code or other controlling law. Neither changes in the methods or means of implementing any part of the service programs nor changes in the responsibilities of the various departments of the City shall constitute amendments to this Plan, and the City reserves the right to make such changes. This Plan is subject to and shall be interpreted in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and the State of Texas, the Texas Local Government Code, and the orders, rules and regulations of governmental bodies and officers having jurisdiction.

## **FORCE MAJEURE**

In case of an emergency, such as force majeure as that term is defined in this Plan, in which the City is forced to temporarily divert its personnel and resources away from the annexation area for humanitarian purposes or protection of the general public, the City obligates itself to take all reasonable measures to restore services to the annexation area of the level described in this Plan as soon as possible. Force Majeure shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, war, blockages, insurrection, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, tornadoes, hurricanes, arrest and restraint of government, explosions, collisions and other inability of the City, whether similar to those enumerated or otherwise, which is not within the control of the City. Unavailability or shortage of funds shall not constitute Force Majeure for purposes of this Plan.

## **SUMMARY OF THE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICE EXTENSION POLICY**

The following information is a summary of the Austin Water Utility Service Extension Policy, Chapters 25-1 through 25-5 and 25-9 of the 2006 Austin Code of Ordinances, in conformance with the Texas Local Government Code requirement that the Plan have a summary of the service extension policy.

Water and wastewater service is only provided to lots that have been properly subdivided and platted or are a legal lot. For property that is required by subdivision regulations to construct water or wastewater facilities connecting to the City system, funding and construction of those facilities will remain the responsibility of the developer. If the specific undeveloped property does not have City water or wastewater service fronting the property, the owner may make an application for an extension of service to the Director of the Austin Water Utility for review. If the Director determines that adequate capacity is available, or will be, and if the project does not include City

cost participation or reimbursement, and if the proposed facilities are a logical extension of the City's water and wastewater system and the requested extension otherwise meets the requirements of Chapter 25-9, the extension size, capacity and routing may be approved by the Director for funding and construction by the developer

Depending on the size of the new facilities and other conditions, with City Council approval the City may reimburse the developer for part of the cost of constructing certain facilities. With City Council approval, the City may cost participate by reimbursing costs associated with the oversize capacity of wastewater mains larger than 8 inches but less than 18 inches in diameter, and of water mains greater than 12 inches but less than 24 inches in diameter. With City Council approval, the City may reimburse to the developer the construction cost of the full capacity of wastewater facilities 18 inches in diameter or larger, and water facilities 24 inches in diameter or larger, as well as other facilities such as reservoirs or pumps. The actual calculation of the cost participation and reimbursement amounts, including limits and the schedules for the payments, are included in the Land Development Code

For lots that have water or wastewater lines in the street fronting the lot, the owner may receive water or wastewater service by applying for a tap permit and paying any required fees. The new customers will be required to pay the impact fees and all connection fees. However, if the tap is purchased within two years of the completion of the line by the City, the impact fee will be waived

As long as a property is using a septic system, the property owner remains responsible for the operation and maintenance of the septic system. If the septic system fails before the City sewer service is extended to the property, the property owner must repair the system. Under certain circumstances the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department may require connection to the City sewer facilities

This policy is set by the City Council and can be amended in the future by ordinance