



CITY OF AUSTIN
DRAFT ANNEXATION SERVICE PLAN

Case Name: Harris Branch Apartments
SMART Housing

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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 tracts of land ("annexation area") known as the Harris Branch Apartments SMART Housing area. The annexation area includes approximately 21 acres and is located in Travis County at the northeast corner of the intersection of Dessau Road and Parmer Lane.

The area is currently undeveloped and is the site of a proposed SMART Housing development that includes a proposed 250 unit apartment community. 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

- Emergency dispatch, pre-arrival First Aid instructions and coordination of other public safety support agencies
- Emergency paramedic ambulance response
- Medical rescue services

Austin/Travis County EMS is a mobile service provider, with units constantly moving throughout the system area. An ambulance is frequently dispatched from a location outside the station.

The Austin Fire Department will provide emergency medical first response to all patients in a life-threatening situation. All Austin Fire Department personnel are certified at the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) level or higher and assist EMS personnel providing patient care.

- d. Solid Waste Collection. The Austin Solid Waste Services Department will provide services in the area. Services will be provided by City personnel or by solid waste service providers under contract with the City. Services currently provided in the City for single family residences, including duplex, triplex and fourplex dwelling units, include:
- garbage collection – once per week cart collection in accordance with City Pay-As-You-Throw guidelines;
 - recycling collection – once per week curbside collection. materials collected include newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, corrugated cardboard; tin, steel and aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles (#1 and #2);
 - yard trimmings collection – once per week residential collection in paper bags or reusable containers;

Commercial garbage collection service for businesses is available on a subscription basis from the City or private service providers.

At this time there are no residential customers in the annexation area.

- c. Maintenance of Water and Wastewater Facilities. Water and wastewater services will be provided through facilities located within or adjacent to the area. The facilities in the area will be maintained and operated by the City's Water and Wastewater Utility as governed by standard policies and procedures, and under the provisions of the attached City service extension policy.
- f. Maintenance of Roads and Streets, Including Street Lighting. The Street and Bridge Division of the Transportation and Public Works Department will maintain public streets over which the City has jurisdiction. These services include:
- Emergency pavement repair;
 - Ice and snow monitoring of major thoroughfares;
 - Street maintenance. Maintenance activities include crack seal, sealcoat, slurry seal, and PM overlay.
 - Repair maintenance of public streets on an as-needed basis. Repair maintenance operations include pothole repair, filling depressions (level up), spot surface replacement, spot full-depth repair, and utility cut repairs;

- 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, on-site sewage facility (OSSF) systems, 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, OSSF systems;
 - investigation of reported elevated blood lead levels in children;
 - animal services including leash law, pet licensing and rabies control;
 - access to community health clinics;
 - Medical Assistance Program benefits;
 - rodent and vector control consultation.
- d. Electric Utility Department. The Electric Utility Department 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.

- i. Street Lighting. It is anticipated that the developer of new subdivisions in the area will install public street lighting in accordance with the City's standard policies and procedures. Provision of street lighting will be in accordance with the City's street lighting policies.
- 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 (1997)

The following information is a summary of the Water and Wastewater Utility Service Extension Policy. Chapters 25-1 through 25-5 and 25-9 of the 1999 Austin Code of Ordinances Volume II, in conformance with the Texas Local Government Code requirement that the Plan have a summary of the service extension policy. This summary does not amend, modify or supplement water and wastewater requirements in the City Code, Criteria Manuals or other applicable regulations.