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Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) – What is it?

The ETJ is the unincorporated land within five miles of Austin’s boundary that is not within the city limits or ETJ of another city. It is the territory where Austin alone is authorized to annex land.

The ETJ enables the City to extend regulations to adjacent land where development can affect quality of life within the city. ETJ regulations also help to ensure that subdivisions that may be annexed by Austin in the future meet minimum standards for road access, lot size, and other factors.

No City taxes are collected in the ETJ. Services such as public safety, road maintenance, and parks are provided by the County or special districts. Residents in Austin’s ETJ may vote on City referenda which impact ETJ residents.

Land subdivision in the Austin ETJ in Travis County is regulated jointly by the City of Austin and Travis County in accordance with Title 30 of the Austin City Code. Land subdivision in the Austin ETJ in Hays and Williamson Counties is regulated exclusively by the City of Austin. For more information about land development, call the Development Assistance Center at (512) 974-6370.

Full and Limited Purpose Annexation – What is it?

In areas annexed for full purposes, the City provides full municipal services, assesses taxes, and enforces City ordinances and regulations. Residents may vote in all City elections and run for office.

Limited purpose annexation extends the City's ordinances and regulations pertaining to land development and the environment and, in some cases, health and safety. The City collects no taxes in limited purpose areas and does not provide municipal services such as police protection. Residents may vote in city council and charter amendment elections. They may not vote in bond elections or run for office.

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How to request annexation

Municipal annexations must follow the procedures outlined by the Texas Local Government Code. Annexation laws and procedures were significantly changed effective December 1, 2017.

Annexation requests are considered on an ongoing basis by the Planning and Zoning Department. If you would like to request annexation of your property, please contact staff to discuss the annexation process and the information needed to submit a request.

Once a completed request for annexation is received, the Planning and Zoning Department annexation staff will initiate an interdepartmental review process to evaluate the City's ability to provide full municipal services to the property and the cumulative impact of all scheduled annexations on departmental operations. If staff recommends annexation, public hearings and ordinance readings will be scheduled at City Council.

For further information, contact Virginia Collier at (512) 974-2022 or Andrei Lubomudrov at (512) 974-7659.