

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY RESOLUTION 6-R-04**  
(see also Council Resolution 27-R-04)  
**RESOLUTION DOCUMENTING  
ANNEXATION POLICIES & GUIDELINES  
OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, INDIANA**

BE IT RESOLVED, after due deliberation and consideration, that annexation of territory which is either:

- already urban in character; or
- needed and useable by the City for it's development in the reasonably near future;

should be pursued in order that City development can be planned efficient and more uniform, and the residents of that territory can participate in electing local public officials whose decisions will most affect their quality of life and the long term viability of their community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the following policies and guidelines; which have for the most part applied to and guided the City of Huntington's annexation activities in the past, are hereby reduced to writing and confirmed as the annexation policies and guidelines of the City for now and the foreseeable future for planning purposes, and so that interested parties may make informed decisions where decisions will or may be affected by the City's annexation activities:

Annexation, being a response to growth and anticipated growth, shall be pursued in a manner in which the fiscal impact on the incorporated City of Huntington is fundamentally positive. Therefore, while occasional exceptional circumstances may exist, in the large majority of circumstances:

1. Annexation shall be pursued based on priorities that support the City's desired development.
2. Annexation action should not result in a general property tax increase within the currently incorporated community; and
3. The annexation of territory where problems are so great that those problems overwhelm the revenue streams which could be used to solve the problems, should be discouraged; and

4. The City's shall provide areas within the City, and those annexed to the City, with "access" to sanitary sewers and potable water. However this access does not include direct connection and/or the construction of waterlines or collector sewers in front of every tract of land. The City of Huntington does not have a policy which provides either water or sewer service to any property without cost to the property owner. Rather, the City has standing policies of requiring property owners to pay for water and/or sewer connections through an established system of fees and charges. Property owners contribute to, and in some circumstances pay for all, of the capital costs to extend water and/or sewer service to and through their property. Additionally, such property owners are required to pay for improvements necessary to their property to make connections to the municipal systems. Property owner participation in capital costs rarely covers the full cost of construction, but the fee systems attempt to reduce the cost subsidies which the City often provides to growth areas.
  
5. The City shall require the execution of recordable chain of title "waivers of remonstrance" for all future development which is within the service area of the City's water utility and/or wastewater department.

Adopted this 6th day of December, 2004.

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**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, INDIANA**

By \_\_\_\_\_ as Mayor  
(Terry R. Abbett) and Member

By John Stoffel as Board  
(John Stoffel) Member

By Martin Young as Board  
(Martin Young) Member

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Updike as  
(Pamela J. Updike) Clerk-Treasurer