

City of Eastland, Texas Annexation Service Plan

I. Area Annexed

On or about May 21, 2007, the City of Eastland, Texas, (the “City”) reannexed the area described on Exhibit A (the “Phase I Annexation Area”) into the City’s municipal boundaries.

II. Introduction

Pursuant to Section 43.056 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City hereby adopts the following service plan (the “Service Plan”) for the Phase I Annexation Area. Municipal facilities and services to the Phase I Annexation Area shall be provided or made available on behalf of the City at the same level as provided in the remainder of the City on the effective date of reannexation of the Phase I Annexation Area and in accordance with the following Service Plan.

III. Ad Valorem (Property Owner) Tax Services

A. Police Protection, Code Enforcement and Animal Control

1. Police Protection

The Eastland Police Department (EPD) will provide protection and law enforcement services. These services shall include, but not be limited to: 911 service, normal patrols and responses; special units, such as traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, and narcotics as well as any community program that may be implemented in the future by the City.

2. Code Enforcement

Regular code enforcement services shall be provided.

3. Animal Control

Regular animal control services shall be provided.

B. Fire Protection

The Eastland Fire Department shall provide fire protection and prevention services. These services shall include: fire suppression and rescue, assistance in providing emergency medical services; emergency prevention and public education services; pre-plan inspections; and emergency management planning.

C. Roads and Streets

The Street Division of the Public Works Department shall maintain public streets, over which the City has jurisdiction. These services shall include: emergency pavement repair; regular repair and maintenance of public streets.

The Streets (Traffic) Division shall provide standard regulatory signage on City-maintained streets.

D. Parks and Recreation Facilities

City parks shall be accessible to all residents of the City.

E. Planning and Development Services

The City's subdivision regulations shall apply.

IV. Utility (Rate-Based) Services

A. Solid Waste Collection

The City is the exclusive residential and commercial solid waste service provider within Eastland's city limits. City ordinance requires solid waste services for all residences and commercial businesses located in the City. Solid waste refuse collection services will be provided to all residents.

1. Residential Solid Waste Services.

The City shall provide residential solid waste services at the prevailing in-city residential rate.

2. Commercial Solid Waste Services. Each commercial business will be provided with a commercial container, which is available in a variety of sizes and frequencies of collection, based on the waste type and volume generated.

B. Water/Wastewater Facilities

Water and wastewater facilities and services, shall be provided by the City when a landowner or landowner's representative

- (a) submits a final plat and an approved engineering plan for infrastructure for the property; and
- (b) requests that water or waste water service be extended to the landowner's property.

The City shall install all infrastructure required to connect a landowner's property to the City's water and wastewater systems at the time of final plat approval pursuant to applicable City ordinances.

Property owners within the Phase 1 Annexation Area may elect to remain on their existing septic systems. Existing septic systems are legal and conforming as long as they comply with applicable local and state law. The City shall allow any resident of the Phase I Annexation Area the right to repair or upgrade an existing septic system in accordance with state law.

C. Drainage Services

The same standard of drainage maintenance provided to other residents of the City shall be provided to property owners.

V. Capital Improvements Program

The Phase I Annexation Area shall be incorporated into any capital improvements program or comprehensive plan developed by the City. Notwithstanding anything in this Service Plan, capital improvements in the Phase 1 Annexation Area shall be made according to sound municipal planning principles and practices.

VI. Use of Property

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 43.002, Continuation of Land Use, all legal uses of property in the Phase I Annexation Area shall be allowed by the City to continue in the manner in which the property was being used on May 23, 2003.

VII. Term

This Service Plan shall be valid for 10 years. The Service Plan is eligible for renewal at the discretion of the City.

VIII. Amendments

The City Commission may amend the Service Plan to conform to the changed conditions or subsequent occurrences pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code or accommodate significant changes in the population and density characteristics of the Phase I Annexation Area.

IX. Conflicts

In the event that any provision of this Service Plan conflicts with any other plan, comprehensive plan, or program of the City of Eastland, the provision contained in this Service Plan shall control.

X. Staffing. Staffing of City services will be provided to the level necessary to provide equal services to all residents.