



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

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TO: Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Elizabeth H. Tyler, AICP, Director

DATE: March 21, 2002

**SUBJECT: Motion Directing City Clerk to Publish Notice
(Beringer Commons Involuntary Annexations)**

Description

Staff is requesting the City Council to approve the attached motion directing the City Clerk to publish the attached Notice of Annexation. The notice is required by State statute to advise affected property owners, residents, and the general public, that the City of Urbana will consider an ordinance on May 6, 2002 causing the annexation of eight unincorporated properties that are completely surrounded by the City of Urbana's corporate boundaries. A map is attached showing the location of the lots proposed to be annexed.

Background

An annexation agreement between the City of Urbana and the developer of Beringer Commons Subdivision was approved and authorized by City Council on August 5, 1991 (Council Ordinance No. 9192-20). The agreement required that these properties be annexed into the City in 1999.

Issues & Approvals

While some owners have agreed to comply with the annexation agreement, several property owners have refused or ignored the City's request to annex. Staff intends to annex all property in Beringer Commons Subdivision before July 1, 2002 to enforce the terms of the annexation agreement. If annexations do not take effect until or after July 1, 2002, it will mean another year that a few individuals not only continue to violate the terms of the annexation agreement, but also avoid another year of paying City property taxes, whereas the majority of the property owners in Beringer Commons have complied with the agreement.

If the Council approves the motion contemplating annexation, then staff will contact the property owners regarding the cost and benefits associated with annexation and initiate appropriate notice to affected property owners, residents, and taxing districts.

Options

Council's options included approving the motion as presented herein; to suggest specific changes or modifications; or to decline to make such a motion.

Fiscal Impact

The eight properties proposed to be annexed has a combined assessed valuation of roughly \$330,000.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council approve the attached motion directing the City Clerk to publish notice of the proposed annexation.

Prepared by: _____
Reed Berger, Economic Development Coordinator

Attachments: Notice of Annexation
Motion & Location Map

c: Mayor Satterthwaite and City Council Members
City Department Heads

NOTICE OF ANNEXATION

Pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/7-1-13) , notice is hereby given that the annexation of the territory described below is contemplated by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Urbana, Illinois, and that they propose to consider and take action on an ordinance annexing such territory at a regular meeting of the Urbana City Council on Monday, May 6, 2002 at 7:30 p.m in the City Council Chambers of the City Building, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF BERINGER COMMONS LOTS

30-21-10-402-024 411 BERINGER CIRCLE
30-21-10-405-006 408 BERINGER CIRCLE
30-21-10-405-007 406 BERINGER CIRCLE
30-21-10-405-009 402 BERINGER CIRCLE
30-21-10-402-029 401 BERINGER CIRCLE
30-21-10-406-003 306 BERINGER CIRCLE
30-21-10-406-006
30-21-10-402-034 205 BERINGER CIRCLE

Questions regarding the proposed annexations should be directed to Reed Berger, Economic Development Coordinator (phone 217-384-2442) or email raberger@city.urbana.il.us.

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

A SUGGESTED MOTION RESPECTING THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY LOCATED
IN BERINGER COMMONS SUBDIVISION AND SURROUNDED BY THE URBANA CITY
LIMITS

“I move that the City Clerk be directed to cause a notice to be published in the News Gazette newspaper advising that annexation of unincorporated territory which is presently wholly surrounded by the City of Urbana and located within Beringer Commons Subdivision is under contemplation by this Council.”

