



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of Resolution 2015-32, "A Resolution to Amend the City's Policy on Water and Sanitary Sewer Availability." (05/28/15 CIC, 08/27/15 CIC 3-0; 09/08/15 AND 9/22/15 WS)

**Purpose**

The purpose of this memo is to provide information to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) for the discussion on the City policies for water and sanitary sewer availability outside of the City Limits.

**Background**

In August 1986, BOMA approved a policy which prohibited extension of sewer mains outside the City Limits. In 1992 this policy was rescinded and extension of sewer mains outside the City Limits was allowed with certain conditions. Since that time unofficial policies have been added to better define the requirements for properties outside the City Limits. The latest policy from the BOMA is to require properties outside of the City Limits that request more than 1 SFUE to be annexed into the City. Included in this packet is a copy of the 1992 water and sewer availability policy.

The connection to a central wastewater treatment system and the elimination of on-site treatment promote the health, safety and welfare of all City of Franklin residents by protecting the environment and providing for regulatory safeguards. For this reason City staff is proposing some modification to this policy and would like to obtain BOMA feedback. Below are the revised recommended conditions:

Regardless of whether the owner/project is inside or outside of City limits, availability shall be approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen with the following conditions:

1. The City has available capacity in its collection and/or distribution systems and the treatment facilities required to handle the additional expected sanitary sewage discharge and/or water demand for the proposed project(s); and

2. The developer(s) or owner(s) shall pay all costs associated in providing the extensions and/or necessary upgrades of the water and/or sanitary sewer systems for the proposed project(s) and shall dedicate the improvements to the City of Franklin along with any necessary easements; and
3. Any availability granted for a project is subject to a one (1) year time limit for the submission of construction plans and a one and one half (1 ½) year time limit for the start of construction on the project; and
4. Annexation shall be required as a condition of approval for all properties outside the City Limits whether within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, or not, in order to be granted sanitary sewer availability. Annexation shall occur at such time the property becomes contiguous to the City's corporate limits or when not contiguous to the City's corporate limits, as determined by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen; and
5. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen determines that such extension(s) of water and/or sanitary sewer service is in the best interest of the water and sanitary sewer customers of the City and in the public interest generally.

#### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact with the approval of this policy.

#### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of this of this policy.