

Frequently Asked Questions about the Proposed Orderly Annexation and Joint Planning Agreement with the City of Foley and Gilmanton Township

1. Why do we need an orderly annexation and joint planning agreement?

An agreement allows the City and Township to work together in how the City grows and the impact it has on the Township. It involves not only identifying potential growth areas but also with planning for future growth and ensuring development considers all potential concerns of the Township and City.

2. Does this mean the City of Foley will be annexing my property now and my taxes will go up?

The proposed agreement does not result in the annexation of any property in the proposed area. The proposed agreement indicates a preservation of rural area and annexing only to occur when development occurs or there is a need for city utilities. Specific terms in the agreement indicate that at least two of the following three parties must agree to the annexation: the property owner, City of Foley, or Gilmanton Township. Tax rates are unaffected by the establishment of the orderly annexation area. Only when an actual annexation occurs will the tax rate and taxing entity change.

3. What does the Township gain by agreeing to annexation?

The City of Foley boundary is likely to grow and annexation can occur in different ways. In the past, annexation with Gilmanton Township occurred by ordinance and terms were handled on a case-by-case basis. An orderly annexation agreement identifies larger potential growth areas and terms to what triggers an annexation. It allows both the City and Township to proactively address annexation potential instead of passively waiting and reacting to growth. It also provides a plan on how the change occurs in the tax rate and also the reimbursement to the Township for lost taxes over a specified period of time. The basic intent of orderly annexation is to try and plan for the future to give all parties involved time to prepare and address concerns.

4. What's a joint planning board and who will be on it?

A joint planning board is being proposed to handle the planning and zoning in the orderly annexation area. It would be made up of 2 township representatives and 2 city council members. The intent of the board is to address all planning and zoning in the area to ensure that development is consistent to objectives of both entities.