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Legislation Text

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ISLAND ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF WICHITA (DISTRICT 5).

Presented by: Justin M. Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Find the proposed island annexation will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or of any other incorporated city within Sedgwick County.

On January 28, 2019, the County Clerk received a certified copy of a resolution passed by the Wichita City Council requesting the Board make a finding that the proposed annexation will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or any other city in the County. In this particular instance, the property owner has requested an island annexation.

The proposed annexation is to the south and east of the intersection of 31st Street South and Rock Road. The annexation area consists of approximately 44 acres of undeveloped SF-20 Single-Family zoned land. The property is within the Wichita 2035 growth area, and is not in any other city's proposed growth area. The property is directly to the east of other property that is part of the City of Wichita (a 2017 island annexation and property the City of Wichita formerly owned), which is not contiguous with the rest of the City of Wichita's boundaries.

On December 27, 2018, the Subdivision Committee for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission approved a preliminary plat for the Rocky Ford 3rd Addition on the subject site. The Rocky Ford 3rd Addition would create 113 lots for the development of single-family residences.

MAPD staff reviewed the proposed annexation and suggested findings reflected within the recommended action. County Public Works reviewed the proposed island annexation and did not have any concerns.

If the island annexation is approved, the land that is annexed would be served by City of Wichita police and fire services, as opposed to current services provided by the Sheriff and Sedgwick County Fire District Number One, respectively. The City of Wichita would also provide sewer, water, storm drainage, and stormwater facilities for the property.

Alternatives: The Board of County Commissioners could make a finding that the island annexation would hinder or prevent: (a) the proper growth and development of the area; (b) the proper growth and development of any other incorporated city within Sedgwick County; or (c) the proper growth and development of the area and any other incorporated city within Sedgwick County.

Financial Considerations: None.

Legal Considerations: K.S.A. 12-520c provides a process for cities to annex land not adjoining the city where: (1) the land is located in the same county as the city; (2) the owner(s) of the land consent

to the annexation; and (3) the Board of County Commissioners, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, makes a finding the annexation will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or that of any other city located in the County.

Policy Considerations: None.

Outside Attendees: Unknown.

Multimedia Presentation: Maps.