

Intergovernmental Coordination

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION
GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

ANNEXATION POLICY

Policy 2.1.4: [I]

Annexation by the City of Tallahassee shall be in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 171, Florida Statutes. Prior to the passage of any ordinance for annexation, the City shall prepare and have available for public inspection a plan setting forth the schedule for the delivery of City provided urban services to the property subject to annexation and shall include:

- a. How land use compatibility will be insured;
- b. How facilities will be provided, and by which entity;
- c. How level of service standards will be made consistent with this plan;
- d. For voluntary annexation, the amount of any agreed upon water and/or sewer rebate that will be due to the petitioner.

When the City receives a request or petition for voluntary annexation, it will provide notice of the request or petition, together with the parcel number(s), for official review and comment, as well as ownership information from the County's online data furnished by the County Property Appraiser, to the relevant City departments; and, at the same time, send a copy of the notice to the County Administrator. The plan for each annexation shall be provided by the City Manager to the County Administrator, the County's Growth Management Direction and the County Attorney at the time that it is provided to the City Commission, but no less than six (6) days before the first reading of the ordinance. The Board of County Commissioners shall have the opportunity to review, comment, and suggest changes regarding the proposed annexation prior to the adoption of the annexation ordinance(s) by the City Commission, but such comments must be received by the City Manager prior to the public hearing on the annexation ordinance(s) related to the plan. In the event that the County Commission objects to the annexation, the Mayor and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners shall confer in a publicly noticed meeting and fully discuss the areas of concern expressed by the County. The City shall delay the annexation process for a period not to exceed 30 days for the purpose of holding the joint meeting with the County. In the event the County continues to object to the proposed annexation following the joint meeting with the City, the City and County agreed to submit the dispute to a mutually acceptable mediator. Expense of the mediation shall be equally divided between the City and County. The City shall delay the annexation process for a period not to exceed 60 days for the purpose of conducting the mediation proceedings.