



MUNICIPAL REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES FOLLOWING ANNEXATION

State Municipal Reporting Responsibilities

There are state law municipal reporting responsibilities requiring the municipality to promptly submit certain information after an annexation is approved:

1. The Local Government Article, section § 4-414, Annotated Code of Maryland, requires that municipalities send a copy of the annexation resolution with the new boundaries to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services if an annexation is approved. Please copy the Maryland Department of Planning so that we are aware of the approved annexation boundaries.

The copy of the annexation resolution, along with the Municipal Charter Or Annexation Resolution Reposition Form (below), with the new boundaries shall be sent within 10 days after the resolution takes effect to:

State Department of Legislative Services
Legislative Division
90 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

2. State law requires that upon annexation approval, the chief executive and administrative officer of a municipality that has annexed property forward the annexation resolution and map with the new boundary to the local municipal clerk, Clerk of the Court in the county or counties in which the municipal corporation is located and, for those municipalities in Montgomery and Prince George's County, to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Census Bureau Boundary and Annexation Survey

To ensure that persons residing on annexed land are counted as part of the municipal population, the U.S. Census Bureau periodically mails to all municipal corporations a Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS).

Following an annexation, no immediate action is required. The Census Bureau will notify the person who has been identified by the municipality as the contact person by mail and/or e-mail. Municipalities may submit boundary corrections or changes through the Bureau's free Partnership software. In the past, the U.S. Census Bureau mailed out the BAS survey on a varying schedule based on the population size of the incorporated town. The Mayor or other municipal officials must complete the BAS, update the maps and certify that the boundary shown reflects the legal corporate limits as of January 1 of the survey year. Boundary information must be returned to the Census Bureau by March 1st of the survey year to be properly recorded for the Census Bureau's annual population estimates and American Community Survey products.

The purpose of the Survey is to obtain the most accurate boundary information, including boundary changes due to annexations, detachments, mergers, or other reasons. These boundary changes are incorporated into the Census Bureau's files and used for tabulating Census data. The BAS information is used to provide an appropriate record for reporting the results of the decennial and economic censuses, and annual surveys such as the Population Estimates Program and the American Community Survey.

Maryland Department of Planning can assist municipalities in updating their boundary information. Questions regarding the Census Bureau's Boundary and Annexation Survey or assistance in submitting the BAS may be referred to Alfred Sundara at the Maryland Department of Planning at 410-767-4002 or alfred.sundara@maryland.gov.

Additional information about the Census Bureau's BAS program is available at the following link <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/bas.html>

MUNICIPAL CHARTER OR ANNEXATION RESOLUTION REPOSITION FORM

Section 4-109 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires municipal officials to deposit certain municipal documents with the Department of Legislative Services. Please use this registration form for each resolution that alters the charter or the boundaries of your municipal corporation. Complete a separate form for each resolution, and mail the entire text of the resolution, along with this form to:

Georgeanne Carter, Legislative
Counsel Municipal Resolution
Reposition Department of Legislative
Services
90 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Municipal Corporation	County(ies)
Name and Title of Official Submitting this Resolution	
Address	Phone
	Date of Submitting this Resolution*
Resolution Number	Date Enacted by Legislative Body
	Effective Date**

1) *For an annexation resolution*, state the charter section (e.g., boundary description section, appendix) that is amended _____. OR state the charter section (e.g., general powers section) pursuant to which the property is annexed _____. (*Enclose a copy of the metes and bounds description of the complete boundaries of your municipal corporation that includes the newly annexed property, including the number of acres and the point of beginning coordinates for the newly annexed property.*)

For a charter resolution, state whether the entire charter is repealed and a new charter is adopted _____ OR state the specific section(s) that is added, repealed, renumbered, or repealed and reenacted with amendments _____.

2) Number of votes cast by the legislative body for ____ and against ____ this resolution.

3) Will this resolution be petitioned to referendum?

If "yes", date of the referendum election (if known) _____.

* *A resolution should be submitted to the Department of Legislative Services **10 days after the effective date** of the resolution (§ 4-109(b) of the Local Government Article). Generally, provided that a resolution is not petitioned to referendum, the effective date for a charter resolution is 50 days after enactment (§ 4-304(c) of the Local Government Article), and for an annexation resolution is no earlier than 45 days after enactment (§ 4-407 of the Local Government Article).*

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