# **ANNEXATION COMMITTEE**

# **AGENDA**

# **AUGUST 29, 2018**

### 4:00 PM

Call to Order – George Pierce

Approval of Minutes – Ajpril 5, 2018

- Annexation 2532 Skyland Drive; Jason & Laura Sparks
- Annexation 3421 Coventry Drive; Barbara French
- Annexation 3531 Valley Circle; Alan and Patricia Foster
- De-Anneation 3961 Briar Oak Drive; represented by Frank Galloway III, attorney

# STANDING ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 5, 2018 MINUTES

The members of the Standing Annexation Committee met on April 5, 2018 at 4:30 PM, with George Pierce presiding. The meeting was held at the Executive Conference Room, Vestavia Hills City Hall.

The following members were present: George Pierce, Chairman; Kimberly Cook, Steve Bendall, Scott Key, Rebecca Leavings, and. The following members were absent: Chuck Nagle, Conrad Garrison, Jeff Downes.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

The minutes from the October 12, 2017 meeting was presented for approval. Motion to approve minutes as presented and seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Committee discussed the results of the probe concerning the current home values in the City as assessed by Jefferson County. The Committee agreed the median home in the City was valued nearer to \$350,000 which needed to be the new criteria threshold.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the following annexation petitions:

- Annexation 2441 Jannebo Road, Richard and Samantha Wheeler
- Annexation 2764 Altadena Lake Drive, Murray and Kelly Stratham
- Annexation 3332 Misty Lane; Jacob and Margorie Pollard
- Anneation 2424 Dolly Ridge Road; Jim Thornton Construction
- Annexation 2532 Dolly Ridge Road; Judith Lynn Vesper, represented by Jim Thornton Construction

Discussion ensued on the properties focusing on the value along with comments from the City Engineer and School Board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:	Approved:
Rebecca Leavings	George Pierce
Secretary	Chair



2532 Skyland Drive Jason and Laura Sparks

2532 Skyland Drive

28 00 32 4 005 015.000 PARCEL #: [ 111-C0 ] Baths: 2.5 H/C Sqft: 1,609 OWNER: SPARKS JASON M & LAURA 18-034.0 Bed Rooms: 3 Land Sch: L1 ADDRESS: 2532 SKYLAND DR VESTAVIA AL 35243-4605 Land: 82,400 Imp: 122,200 Total: 204,600

Sales Info: 08/01/2006 LOCATION: 2532 SKYLAND DR BHAM AL 35243

Acres: 0.000 \$216,000

Tax Year : 2017 ∨ << Prev [1/0 Records] Processing...

> SUMMARY LAND BUILDINGS SALES MAPS

SUMMARY

ASSESSMENT VALUE

**PROPERTY** LAND VALUE 10% \$82,390 3 OVER 65 CODE: CLASS: LAND VALUE 20% \$0 EXEMPT CODE: 2-2 DISABILITY CODE: **CURRENT USE VALUE** [DEACTIVATED] \$0

02 COUNTY HS YEAR: MUN CODE: 0

**EXM OVERRIDE** CLASS 2 \$0.00 SCHOOL DIST: AMT:

OVR ASD CLASS 3 TOTAL MILLAGE: \$0.00 50.1

VALUE: **BLDG 001** 111 \$122,200

CLASS USE:

TOTAL MARKET VALUE [APPR. VALUE: \$204,600]: \$204,590 FOREST ACRES: 0 TAX SALE:

Assesment Override: PREV YEAR \$190,700.00BOE VALUE: 0

VALUE: MARKET VALUE: CU VALUE: PENALTY:

ASSESSED VALUE:

TAX INFO

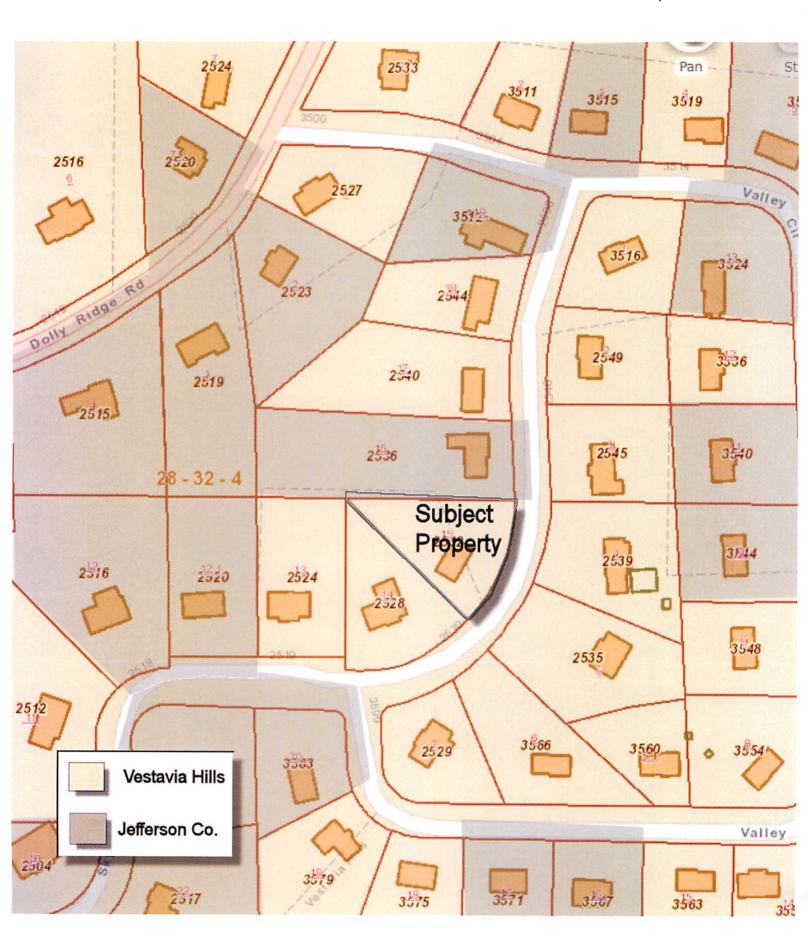
	CLASS	MUNCODE	ASSD. VALUE	TAX	EXEMPTION	TAX EXEMPTION	TOTAL TAX
STATE	3	2	\$20,460	\$132.99	\$4,000	\$26.00	\$106.99
COUNTY	3	2	\$20,460	\$276.21	\$2,000	\$27.00	\$249.21
SCHOOL	3	2	\$20,460	\$167.77	\$0	\$0.00	\$167.77
DIST SCHOOL	3	2	\$20,460	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
CITY	3	2	\$20,460	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
FOREST	3	2	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
SPC SCHOOL1	3	2	\$20,460	\$104.35	\$0	\$0.00	\$104.35
SPC SCHOOL2	3	2	\$20,460	\$343.73	\$0	\$0.00	\$343.73

TOTAL FEE & INTEREST: (Detail) \$5.00

ASSD. VALUE: \$20,460.00 \$1,025.05 GRAND TOTAL: \$977.05

**FULLY PAID** 

DEEDS		PAYMENT IN	FO		
INSTRUMENT NUMBER	DATE	PAY DATE	TAX YEAR	PAID BY	<b>AMOUNT</b>
201108-9911	10/11/2011	12/27/2017	2017	JASON SPARKS	\$977.05
200903-28281	03/27/2009	11/9/2016	2016	JASON SPARKS	\$907.91
200614-17638	08/21/2006	10/5/2015	2015	JASON SPARKS	\$907.91
200208-2941	06/04/2002	10/3/2014	2014	JASON SPARKS	\$896.89
		10/20/2013	2013	JASON SPARKS	\$896.89
		11/13/2012	2012	JASON SPARKS	\$896.89
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# EXHIBIT "C"

# CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS

Department Review of Proposed Annexation (To Be completed by City Staff)

The following properties have requested to be annexed into the City. Please review this request and then forward your comments to the City Clerk as soon as is reasonably possible.

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	Comments: No problems noted.

#### **Rebecca Leavings**

From: Christopher Brady

**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 12:08 PM **To:** Rebecca Leavings; George Pierce

**Cc:** Jeff Downes

**Subject:** RE: Annexation Committee Agenda

Attachments: 2532 Skyland Drive\_survey markup.pdf; skyland\_pics.pdf

#### Fyi

I wanted to provide an update on 2532 Skyland...

I met Wed, 8/22, with Mr. Sparks to discuss drainage pipe concerns on his property and within the roadway at the front of this property. I have also initiated discussions with Jefferson County, but have not yet received input from their review.

The attached sketch and pictures provide an overview of the rusted drainage pipe. There is approximately 100 LF of 30" pipe on his property that has substantially deteriorated; the bottom of the pipe is mostly rusted away. The pipe within the roadway right-of-way, approximately 60 LF of 30" pipe, and another 35 LF of 15", has little to no bottom remaining.

There are no surface concerns evident yet; no sinkholes or subsidence in the roadway. Mr. Sparks' driveway has settling and cracking, but no visible hazard or immediate concerns.

The property across the street, as well as numerous neighboring properties, are already within the City, so there is preexisting City maintenance in this area. However, this was <u>not</u> a previously identified pipe replacement project.

Mr.Sparks' family has owned the property for 10+ years and claims to have not noted any issues in past. His mom also met with us on site and provided additional background on the property and noting improvements they have done to the property since owning.

Mr. Sparks stated a willingness to consider investing in improvements, and is awaiting additional guidance from the City and/or County. He intends to attend the Committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> and address this concern in any discussion as needed.



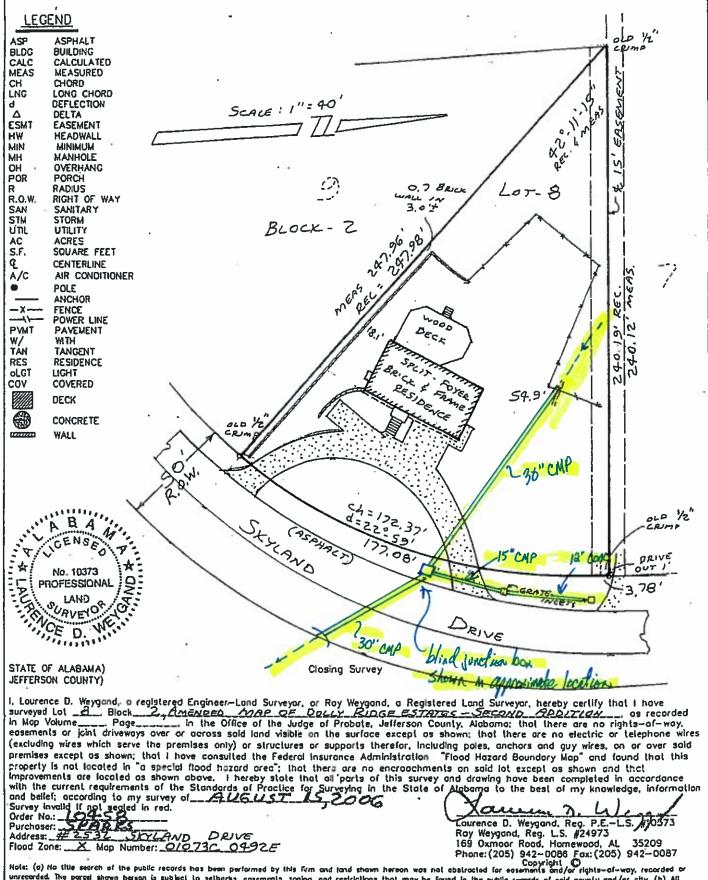
### Christopher Brady, City Engineer

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# drawage sketch added to show approximate location, size, material etc. of drawage infrastructure.





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2532 Skyland Drive

PARCEL #: 28 00 32 4 005 015.000 SPARKS JASON M & LAURA OWNER:

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Baths: 2.5 18-034.0 Bed Rooms: 3 Land: 82,400 Imp: 122,200

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LAND

BUILDINGS

[ 111-C0 ]

Tax Year : 2017 ∨

SALES **PHOTOGRAPHS** 

MAPS

#### LAND COMPUTATION

	Code	Acerage	Square Foot	Market Value	CU. Value
LOTS 3	111 HOUSEHOLD UNITS	0	0	\$82,390.00	

SUMMARY

#### ROLLBACK/HOMESITE/MISCELLANEOUS

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

SUB DIVISON1: DOLLY RIDGE EST 2ND ADD MAP BOOK: 76 PAGE: 82 SUB DIVISON2: MAP BOOK: 0 PAGE: 0

PRIMARY BLOCK: 2 SECONDARY BLOCK: 0 SECONDARY LOT: 0 PRIMARY LOT: 8

METES AND BOUNDS: LOT 8 BLK 2 DOLLY RIDGE ESTS 2ND ADD EXC N 10 FT SD LOT

#### SALES INFORMATION

8/1/2006	\$216,000.00	1	<b>BOOK:</b> 200614	PAGE:017638	Land & Building
6/1/2002	\$174,967.00	1	BOOK:200208	PAGE:002941	Land & Building
12/1/2001	\$145,000.00	1	<b>BOOK:</b> 200116	PAGE:001350	Land & Building
4/1/2001	\$75,000.00	5	<b>BOOK:</b> 200105	PAGE:006304	Land & Building

# Jason M. Sparks & Laura Sparks 2532 Skyland Drive Vestavia, AL 35243

April 9, 2018

To: Members, Vestavia Hills Annexation Committee and City Council

My name is Jason Sparks. I reside at 2532 Skyland Drive with my wife, Laura Sparks, and our son Mitchell. Both my wife and I have grown up in the Vestavia Hills community and attended the Vestavia schools from elementary school through high school graduation. Both of our families still live in Vestavia as well. (Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cobb; Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sparks). I represent BB&T Bank in the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce and am also a member of the Vestavia Hills Sunrise Rotary Club that meets weekly at the City Hall.

Having enjoyed such long personal and professional ties to the Vestavia Hills community, I am now hoping that you will favorably consider my petition for annexation. You will notice from the application that we are largely surrounded by Vestavia Hills. We would very much like to participate in the interests of the community we are proud of, sharing its benefits and promoting the betterment of our neighborhood and of Vestavia Hills. I would add for your consideration that we have made substantial improvements to our home and property over the last few years, as have many of our neighbors. I believe that this trend is enhanced when all of us share a commitment to the interests of the community in common. I hope you will find that these considerations, along with my location relative to my Vestavia neighbors, makes this annexation logical and mutually beneficial.

My contact information is as follows if any additional information is needed:

Cell # - (205)907-6030 Office # - (205)445-2346 Email – jsparks@bbandt.com

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Thank you for your time in reviewing this request.

Sincerely,

Jason M. Sparks (205)9076030

jsparks@bbandt.com

STATE OF ALABAMA	A
Jefferson	COUNTY

#### PETITION FOR ANNEXATION TO THE

# CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA

Date of Petition:	April	9,2018	
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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama:

We, the undersigned owners of the properties set out in red outline in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which properties are contiguous to the City limits of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, under the authority of Act No. 32 of the Special Session of the Alabama Legislature of 1964, do hereby petition the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, that the properties set out in red outline in Exhibit "A" attached, situated in Tefferson County, Alabama, be annexed to the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama. The metes and bounds description of the boundary of the property of the undersigned proposed to be annexed is also set out on said Exhibit "A" and a map showing in red the property proposed for annexation by this petition is also attached and made a part hereof.

The undersigned petitioners do further petition that the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, set a date for the hearing of this petition and any objections in writing to the petition or protest, on a date certain and that no less than ninety (90) days before said date certain for said hearing on this petition, that a notice of said hearing along with this petition be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Jefferson County, Alabama.

We, the undersigned petitioners do also ask that the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, do all things necessary and requisite to comply with the terms of Act No. 32 of the Special Session of the Alabama Legislature of 1964.

Jason M. Sparks

(205) 907-6030 - cell #

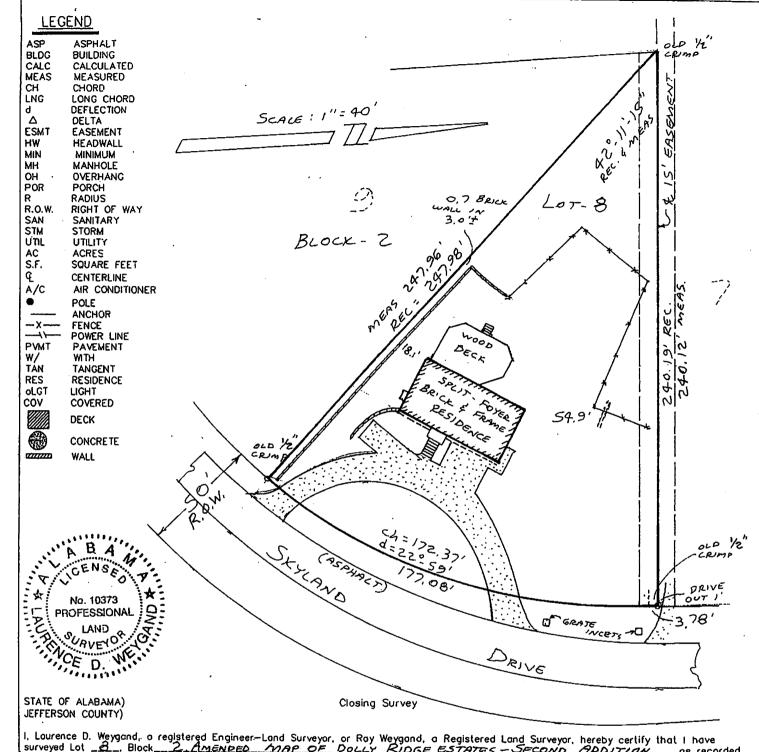
(205) 445-2346 - work#

sperywall

jsparks@bbandt.com - email

# EXHIBIT "A"

BLOCK: 2
SURVEY:
RECORDED IN MAP BOOK
county zoning: <u>Class: 3 Mun</u> Code: 2 compatible city zoning: <u>Class: 3 Mun</u> Code: 2
Let 8, Block 2, According to the anerded map of Polly Lot 8, Block 2, According to the anerded map of Polly Ridge Estates, Second Addition as recorded in Map Ridge Estates, Second Addition as recorded in Map Book 76, Page 82, in the probate office of Jeffers-Rook 76, Page 82, in the probate office of Jeffers-Partition.  Conty, Alabam, Bernington Partition.  Less and expt the north 10 feet of subject paper
See Attachel Exhibit A  Parel # 28-00-32-4-005-015.000



I. Lourence D. Weygand, a registered Engineer-Land Surveyor, or Ray Weygand, a Registered Land Surveyor, hereby certify that I have surveyed Lot 8. Block 2. AMENDED MAP OF DOLLY RIDGE ESTRIES—SECOND REDITION, as recorded in Map Volume. Page., in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Jefferson County, Alabama: that there are no rights—of—way, easements or joint driveways over or across said land visible on the surface except as shown; that there are no electric or telephone wires (excluding wires which serve the premises only) or structures or supports therefor, including poles, anchors and guy wires, on or over soid premises except as shown; that I have consulted the Federal Insurance Administration "Flood Hazard Boundary Map" and found that this property is not located in "a special flood hazard area"; that there are no encroachments on said lot except as shown and that improvements are located as shown above. I hereby state that all parts of this survey and drawing have been completed in accordance with the current requirements of the Standards of Practice for Surveying in the State of Alabama to the best of my knowledge, information and belief; according to my survey of Alabama to the best of my knowledge, information survey invalid that said in card.

DRIVE X Map Number: 0/073C 0492E Flood Zone: ....

Laurence D. Weygand, Reg. P.E.-L.S. #10373 Ray Weygand, Reg. L.S. #24973 169 Oxmoor Road, Homewood, AL 35209

Phone: (205) 942-0086 Fax: (205) 942-0087

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Note: (a) No tills search of the public records has been performed by this firm and land shown hereon was not abstracted for easements and/or rights-of-way, recorded or unrecorded. The parcel shown hereon is subject to setbacks, easements, zoning, and restrictions that may be found in the public records of said county and/or city. (b) All bearings and/or angles, are deed/record map and actual unless otherwise noted. (c) Underground portions of foundations, footings, and/or other underground structures were not located unless atherwise noted. We do not look for underground sewers or filip manhole covers. (d) The shown north arrow is based an deed/record map.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals, or caused these presents to be executed by their duly authorized representatives, with full authority.

SIGNATURE(S)	DESCRIPT	TION OF PROPERTY
4 m Godo Lavea Specific 8	Block 2	_Survey
Lot	_Block	_Survey
Lot	_Block	_Survey
(Use reverse side hereof for additional	al signatures	and property descriptions, if needed).
STATE OF ALABAMA		
Jefferson County		
signed the above petition, and I certify that so of the described property.		A
STATE OF THE STATE	day of	My Commission Expires July 23, 2019

# EXHIBIT "B"

# **VESTAVIA HILLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1204 Montgomery Highway Vestavia Hills AL 35216

(To be completed by the City)

	e of Annexation Petition	.1		Action Taken:	Deny	
	olution: rnight Ordinance:	Date:		Number:Number:		
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		(To be comp	oleted by Hor	neowner)		
Nan	ne(s) of Homeowner(s)	•	•	ŕ		
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	ormation on Children:					
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3421 Coventry Drive
Barbara French

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PARCEL #: 28 00 29 4 008 012.000 [ 111-B- ] Baths: 2.5 H/C Sqft: 2,914 OWNER: FRENCH BARBARA C 18-011.0 Bed Rooms: 4 Land Sch: L3 ADDRESS: 3421 COVENTRY DR VESTAVIA AL 35243-2124 Land: 168,100 Imp: 191,900 Total: 360,000

3421 COVENTRY DR VESTAVIA HILLS AL 35243 Sales Info: 12/01/1971 LOCATION: Acres: 0.000

\$39,500

Tax Year : 2018 ∨ SUMMARY LAND BUILDINGS SALES **PHOTOGRAPHS** MAPS

SUMMARY

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ASSESSMENT VALUE

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**PROPERTY** LAND VALUE 10% \$168,130 3 OVER 65 CODE: X CLASS: LAND VALUE 20% \$0 EXEMPT CODE: 5-5 DISABILITY CODE: CURRENT USE VALUE [DEACTIVATED] \$0

MUN CODE: 02 COUNTY HS YEAR: 0

**EXM OVERRIDE** CLASS 2 SCHOOL DIST: \$0.00 AMT:

**OVR ASD** CLASS 3 \$0.00 TOTAL MILLAGE: 50.1

VALUE: **BLDG 001** 111 \$191,900

CLASS USE:

TOTAL MARKET VALUE [APPR. VALUE: \$360,000]: \$360,030 FOREST ACRES: 0 TAX SALE:

Assesment Override: PREV YEAR \$352,000.00BOE VALUE: 0 VALUE:

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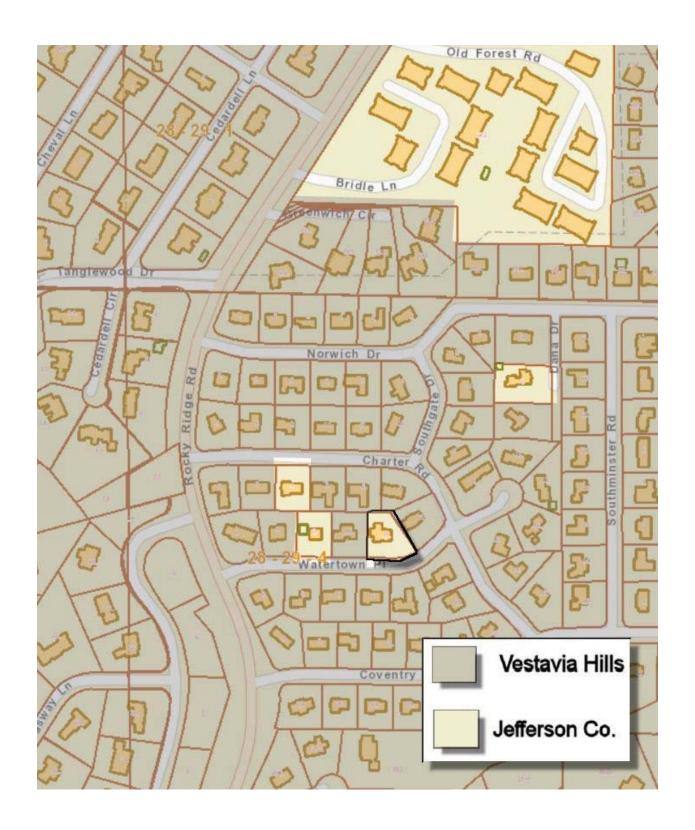
TAX INFO

	CLASS	MUNCODE	ASSD. VALUE	TAX	EXEMPTION	TAX EXEMPTION	TOTAL TAX
STATE	3	2	\$36,000	\$234.00	\$36,000	\$234.00	\$0.00
COUNTY	3	2	\$36,000	\$486.00	\$36,000	\$486.00	\$0.00
SCHOOL	3	2	\$36,000	\$295.20	\$36,000	\$295.20	\$0.00
DIST SCHOOL	3	2	\$36,000	\$0.00	\$36,000	\$0.00	\$0.00
CITY	3	2	\$36,000	\$0.00	\$36,000	\$0.00	\$0.00
FOREST	3	2	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
SPC SCHOOL1	3	2	\$36,000	\$183.60	\$36,000	\$183.60	\$0.00
SPC SCHOOL2	3	2	\$36,000	\$604.80	\$36,000	\$604.80	\$0.00

\$1,803.60 ASSD. VALUE: \$36,000.00 **GRAND TOTAL: \$0.00** 

**FULLY PAID** 

DEEDS		PAYMENT INFO		
INSTRUMENT NUMBER	DATE	PAY DATE TAX YEAR	PAID BY	AMOUNT
<u>781-381</u>	01/11/1972	2018		\$0.00
		2017		\$0.00
		10/19/2016 2016	-9	\$1,207.98
		10/14/2015 2015	<b>4</b> 8	\$1,396.98
		10/20/2014 2014	BARBARA C FRENCH JENNIFER F GIARRATANO	\$1,384.77
		10/21/2013 2013	FRENCH, BARBARA OR GIARRATANO, JENNIFER	\$1,384.77
		11/5/2012 2012	FRENCH BARBARA C	\$1,384.34



# EXHIBIT "C"

# CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS

Department Review of Proposed Annexation (To Be completed by City Staff)

The following properties have requested to be annexed into the City. Please review this request and then forward your comments to the City Clerk as soon as is reasonably possible.

Location: 3421 Coventry Drive
Engineering: Date: \$\frac{1571}{8}\text{Initials:}\frac{1}{8}\text{Engineering}\$
<b>3421 Coventry Drive</b> no concerns noted; roadway asphalt is fair condition, meets City subdivision standards, and is already within our maintenance area.
Board of Education: Date: 8/17/13 Initials: Sendall
Comments:
Comments: VIPD world welcome this additions  Secare we already hearly girl the street  ADW,
Fire Department:  Date: 8 15 2018 Initials: 50  Comments: No problems noted.

STATE OF ALABAMA

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION TO THE

CITY OF VESTAVIA, HILLS, ALABAMA

Date of Petition: 3/15/2018

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama:

COUNTY

We, the undersigned owners of the properties set out in red outline in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which properties are contiguous to the City limits of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, under the authority of Act No. 32 of the Special Session of the Alabama Legislature of 1964, do hereby petition the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, that the properties set out in red outline in Exhibit "A" attached, situated in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, Alabama, be annexed to the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama. The meter and bounds description of the boundary of the property of the undersigned proposed to be annexed is also set out on said Exhibit "A" and a map showing in red the property proposed for annexation by this petition is also attached and made a part hereof.

The undersigned petitioners do further petition that the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, set a date for the hearing of this petition and any objections in writing to the petition or protest, on a date certain and that no less than ninety (90) days before said date certain for said hearing on this petition, that a notice of said hearing along with this petition be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Jefferson County, Alabama.

We, the undersigned petitioners do also ask that the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, do all things necessary and requisite to comply with the terms of Act No. 32 of the Special Session of the Alabama Legislature of 1964.

Barbara French fay 342/ Qaol. com 205-967-4059

Molly French Egmail.com
303-908-3832

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

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LOT: GULNHRY 1ST BLOCK: P BLK:	2,5	LoT:	05	
SURVEY:				···
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RECORDED IN MAP BOOK	81	, PAGE	<i>\$1</i>	IN THE
PROBATE OFFICE OF	Juson	_COUNTY,	ALABAMA.	
COUNTY ZONING:				
COMPATIBLE CITY ZONING:		<del></del>		
LEGAL DESCRIPTION (METES	S AND BOUND	OS):		

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals, or caused these presents to be executed by their duly authorized representatives, with full authority.

SIGNATURE(S) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	
Garbaral Healt Lot 6 Block & Survey	_
LotBlockSurvey	_
LotBlockSurvey	<del>-</del>
(Use reverse side hereof for additional signatures and property descriptions, if	needed).
STATE OF ALABAMA  COUNTY  Dutland. Truch being duly sworn says: I am one of the pe signed the above petition, and I certify that said petition contains the signatures of all to of the described property.  Signature of Certifier	
Subscribed and sworn before me this the day of week, 20 Notary Public  My commission expires:	<u>?</u> 2

# EXHIBIT "B"

# **VESTAVIA HILLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1204 Montgomery Highway Vestavia Hills AL 35216

(To be completed by the City)

Date	of Annexation Petition			Action Taken: G			
Ove	olution: rnight Ordinance: Day Final Ordinance:	Date: Date: Date:		Number: Number:			
Add City	ress: 3421 (  Comparison on Children:	(To be complete  Town thy  State:	Na	Zip:			
				Vesta	via Hill	s School?	
	Name(s)		Age	Vesta	via Hill Yes	No No	
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3531 Valley Circle
Alan and Patricia Foster

3531 Valley Circle

 PARCEL #:
 28 00 32 4 001 007.000
 [ 111-C0 ]
 Baths: 2.0
 H/C Sqft: 1,689

 OWNER:
 COMO JERRY W
 18-034.0
 Bed Rooms: 3
 Land Sch: L1

 ADDRESS:
 2651 DENYSE DR BIRMINGHAM AL 35243
 Land: 74,700
 Imp: 131,000
 Total: 205,700

LOCATION: 3531 VALLEY CIR BHAM AL 35243 Acres: 0.000 Sales Info: \$0

<< Prev Next >> [1 / 0 Records] Processing... Tax Year: 2018

SUMMARY LAND BUILDINGS SALES PHOTOGRAPHS MAPS

#### SUMMARY

ASSESSMENT VALUE

PROPERTY
CLASS:

OVER 65 CODE:

LAND VALUE 10%
LAND VALUE 20%

\$74,690

EXEMPT CODE:

DISABILITY CODE:

CURRENT USE VALUE [DEACTIVATED] \$0

MUN CODE: 02 COUNTY HS YEAR: 0

OVR ASD BLDG

VALUE: \$0.00 TOTAL MILLAGE: 50.1 CLASS 3

CLASS USE: TOTAL MARKET VALUE [APPR. VALUE: \$205,700]: \$205,690

PREV YEAR \$199,000.00 BOE VALUE: 0

VALUE: MARKET VALUE: CU VALUE:

PENALTY:

ASSESSED VALUE:

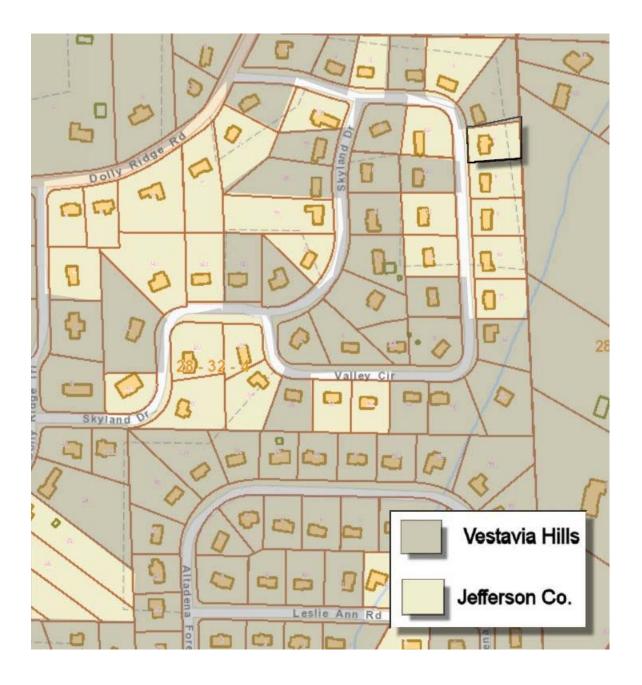
#### TAX INFO

	CLASS	MUNCODE	ASSD. VALUE	TAX	EXEMPTION	TAX EXEMPTION	TOTAL TAX
STATE	2	2	\$41,140	\$267.41	\$0	\$0.00	\$267.41
COUNTY	2	2	\$41,140	\$555.39	\$0	\$0.00	\$555.39
SCHOOL	2	2	\$41,140	\$337.35	\$0	\$0.00	\$337.35
DIST SCHOOL	2	2	\$41,140	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
CITY	2	2	\$41,140	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
FOREST	2	2	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
SPC SCHOOL1	2	2	\$41,140	\$209.81	\$0	\$0.00	\$209.81
SPC SCHOOL2	2	2	\$41,140	\$691.15	\$0	\$0.00	\$691.15

ASSD. VALUE: \$41,140.00 \$2,061.11 GRAND TOTAL: \$2,061.11

**FULLY PAID** 

DEEDS		PAYMENT I	NFO		
INSTRUMENT NUMBER	DATE	PAY DATE	TAX YEAR	PAID BY	AMOUNT
2018037041	3/30/2018	4/5/2018	2017	COMO JERRY W	\$2,510.84
200912-16789	12/18/2009	3/20/2017	2016	JERRY COMO	\$2,349.09
316-854	04/06/1967	3/22/2016	2015	JERRY COMO	\$2,768.22
			2014		\$0.00
			2013		\$0.00
		5/20/2013	2012	JERRY COMO	\$1,985.85
		20111231	2011	***	\$1,875.71
		20101212	2010	***	\$1,962.89



#### EXHIBIT "C"

#### CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS

Department Review of Proposed Annexation (To Be completed by City Staff)

The following properties have requested to be annexed into the City. Please review this request and then forward your comments to the City Clerk as soon as is reasonably possible. Location: 3531 Valley Circle Date: 8/15/18 Initials: CB Engineering: 3531 Valley Circle -- no significant concerns noted; roadway asphalt is in fair condition; the roadway width is more narrow than typical City standards and has little to no shoulders; a few neighboring properties will remain in unincorporated Jefferson County, so we anticipate roadway maintenance will remain a shared responsibility with the County. Date: 8/17/12 Initials: 5 Bendall Board of Education: Comments: Date: 08/17/18 Initials: MA Police Department: Date: 8 15 2018 Initials: Fire Department: No problems noted Comments:

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY

#### PETITION FOR ANNEXATION TO THE

# CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA

Date of Petition: April 4, 2018

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama:

We, the undersigned owners of the properties set out in red outline in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which properties are contiguous to the City limits of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, under the authority of Act No. 32 of the Special Session of the Alabama Legislature of 1964, do hereby petition the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, that the properties set out in red outline in Exhibit "A" attached, situated in County, Alabama, be annexed to the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama. The meter and bounds description of the boundary of the property of the undersigned proposed to be annexed is also set out on said Exhibit "A" and a map showing in red the property proposed for annexation by this petition is also attached and made a part hereof.

The undersigned petitioners do further petition that the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, set a date for the hearing of this-petition and any objections in writing to the petition or protest, on a date certain and that no less than ninety (90) days before said date certain for said hearing on this petition, that a notice of said hearing along with this petition be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Jefferson County, Alabama.

We, the undersigned petitioners do also ask that the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, do all things necessary and requisite to comply with the terms of Act No. 32 of the Special Session of the Alabama Legislature of 1964.

altricia foster Ognail.com al Foster 807-3904 - cell Tricia Foster 807-7872-cell

# EXHIBIT "A"

LOT:
BLOCK:
SURVEY: Amended Map of Dolly Ridge Estates and addition
RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 76, PAGE 82 IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF SHERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA.
COUNTY ZONING: $\frac{JCRL}{VHR2}$

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (METES AND BOUNDS):

# EXHIBIT "B"

# VESTAVIA HILLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

1204 Montgomery Highway Vestavia Hills AL 35216

(To be completed by the City)

Date	of Annexation Petition			Action Taken: (		
Ove	olution: rnight Ordinance: ray Final Ordinance:			Number: Number:		
Add City	ress: 3531  Buningar  rmation on Children:	(To be completed Alan Y Valle State:(	(F)	ducoa 1	Jest 352	! - - 2/3
					Plan to E via Hills	nroll In School?
	Name(s)	^	Age	School Grade	Yes	No
1.		Hankob				
2.	fee d	Miller				
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
	roximate date for enrol		estavia I	Hills City Schools	if above	response

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals, or caused these presents to be executed by their duly authorized representatives, with full authority.

SIGNATURE(S)	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
Ulon N. Forth Lot_	6 Block / Survey Amended March Dolly Ridge Estate
atricia C. Fester Lot	6 Block / Survey Amerded Maps belly Ridge Estates (e Block   Survey SAME
Lot	BlockSurvey
(Use reverse side hereof for addit	tional signatures and property descriptions, if needed).
STATE OF ALABAMA	
Jefferson COUNTY	
signed the above petition, and I certify the of the described property.	being duly sworn says: I am one of the persons who nat said petition contains the signatures of all the owners
	alon n. Foster
	Signature of Certifier
	11th A
Subscribed and sworn before me this the	4th day of 100, 20 8.
	Notary Public
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April 4, 2018

Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills,

We are the new owners of 3531 Valley Circle in Dolly Ridge Estates. The property is currently rented. Our plan is to remodel the home, open up the kitchen to the den, new floors, new kitchen, paint inside and out, update the baths, and improve the yard. We paid \$177,500 for the house. Our Realtor says it will be worth at least \$329,000 when we finish, if in Vestavia Hills. We have successfully fixed up and sold 13 houses, most of which were in Vestavia Hills. We would like to have the house annexed into Vestavia Hills.

Sincerely, Al and Tricia Foster



De-Annexation Request 3961 Briar Oak Drive Robert Butler

#### 3961 Briar Oak Drive

PARCEL #: 28 00 11 4 001 051.000

BUTLER ROBERT B

3961 BRIAR OAK DR MOUNTAIN BRK AL 35243-4838 3961 BRIAR OAK DR BIRMINGHAM AL 35243

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[ 111-S0 ] 14-027.0 Land: 260,000 Acres: 12.000

Baths: 5.0 Bed Rooms: 4 H/C Sqft: 4,309 Land Sch: A314 Total: 964,300

Imp: 704,300 Sales Info: 03/01/1990 \$190,000

Tax Year : 2018 ✓

BUILDINGS SALES PHOTOGRAPHS MAPS SUMMARY LAND

SUMMARY

ADDRESS:

LOCATION:

ASSESSMENT

CLASS USE:

FOREST ACRES:

PREV YEAR VALUE:

PROPERTY CLASS: EXEMPT CODE: 2-2 MUN CODE 20 VESTAVIA HILLS SCHOOL DIST: OVR ASD VALUE: \$0.00

\$1,055,300.00

DISABILITY CODE: HS YEAR: 0 EXM OVERRIDE AMT: TOTAL MILLAGE:

OVER 65 CODE:

TAX SALE:

BOE VALUE:

\$0.00 92.6

0

VALUE LAND VALUE 10% \$260,000 LAND VALUE 20% \$0 \$0 CURRENT USE VALUE [DEACTIVATED] CLASS 2

CLASS 3 BLDG 001 111 \$704,300

TOTAL MARKET VALUE [APPR. VALUE: \$964,300]: \$964,300 Assesment Override:

MARKET VALUE: CU VALUE: PENALTY: ASSESSED VALUE:

TAX INFO

	CLASS	MUNCODE	ASSD. VALUE	TAX	EXEMPTION	TAX EXEMPTION	TOTAL TAX
STATE	3	20	\$96,440	\$626.86	\$4,000	\$26.00	\$600.86
COUNTY	3	20	\$96,440	\$1,301.94	\$2,000	\$27.00	\$1,274.94
SCHOOL	3	20	\$96,440	\$790.81	\$0	\$0.00	\$790.81
DIST SCHOOL	3	20	\$96,440	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
CITY	3	20	\$96,440	\$4,754.49	\$0	\$0.00	\$4,754.49
FOREST	3	20	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
SPC SCHOOL1	3	20	\$96,440	\$1,456.24	\$0	\$0.00	\$1,456.24
SPC SCHOOL2	3	20	\$96,440	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00

TOTAL FEE & INTEREST: (Detail) GRAND TOTAL: \$8,882.34 ASSD. VALUE: \$96,440.00 \$8,930.34

Payoff Quote

DEEDS PAYMENT INFO INSTRUMENT NUMBER AMOUNT PAY DATE DATE TAX YEAR PAID BY 06/01/1994 \$0.00 0-0 2018 11/7/2017 2017 ROBERT BRITT BUTLER \$9,725.00 1/5/2017 2016 ROBERT BRITT BUTLER \$8,882.34 \$8,934.20 11/18/2015 2015 ROBERT BUTLER ROBERT BRITT BUTLER 1/6/2015 2014 \$8,811.97 1/4/2014 2013 \$8,811.97 10/29/2012 2012 BUTLER ROBERT B \$9,065.69 20111015 2011 \$9,193.48 20101231 2010 \$9,193.48 \*\*\* 20091103 2009 \$9,193.48 \*\*\* 20081031 2008 \$9,384.24 \*\*\* 20071231 2007 \$9,294.43 20061231 2006 \*\*\* \$9,037.91 20051208 2005 \*\*\* \$8,678.62 20041228 \*\*\* \$8,473.05 \*\*\* 20031231 2003 \$8,164.71 \$7,378.52 20021021 2002 20011231 2001 ... \$3,971.22 \*\*\* \$3,971.22 20001231 2000 ... \$3,971.22 19991231 1999 ... 19981106 1998 \$3,268.57 \*\*\* 19971011 1997 \$3,268.57 \$3,263.57

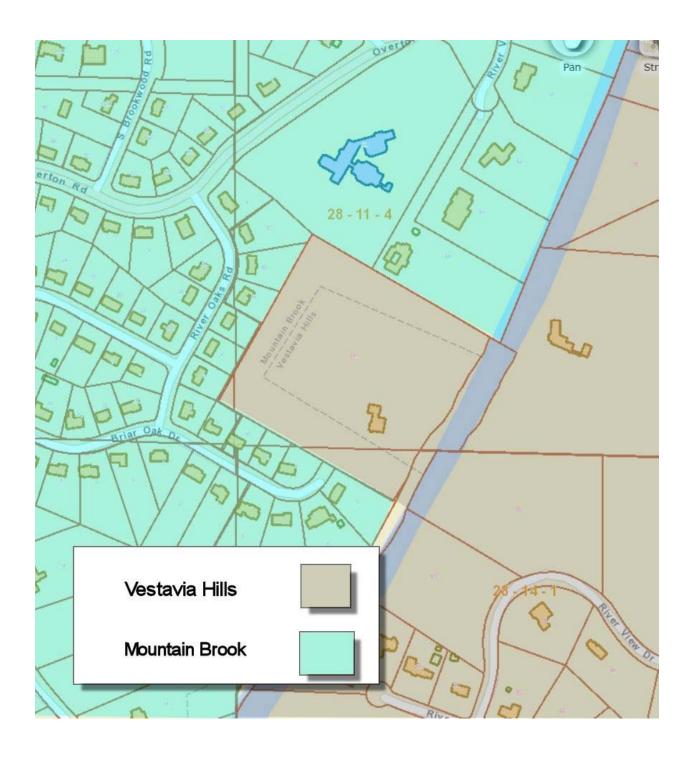
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# EXHIBIT "C"

#### CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS

Department Review of Proposed Annexation (To Be completed by City Staff)

The following properties have requested to be annexed into the City. Please review this request and then forward your comments to the City Clerk as soon as is reasonably possible.

Location: 3961 Briar Oak Drive
Engineering: 3961 Briar Oak Drive no concerns noted; roadway is not on City of Vestavia Hills maintenance list and is within City of Mountain Brook; City does provide garbage services to this one residence on this street, so likely will be of benefit to our collection contractor to eliminate this from our route; we have no recent record of providing any other service to this property.
Board of Education: Date: \$\int \lambda \rangle 10
Comments: Haste to lose property
Police Department: Date: 8/17/18 Initials: OWN
Comments: VAPD has No concerns about this property of this time, regarding returns in the city
Fire Department: Date: 8/17/Pinitials: 5Key
Comments:

Attorneys at Law

August 7, 2018

fcg3@galloway

#### Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Jeffrey Downes, City Manager City of Vestavia Hills 1032 Montgomery Highway Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Re: Proposed deannexation of home located at 3961 Briar Oak Drive, Vestavia Hills, Alabama 35243

#### Dear Jeff:

As we briefly discussed last week, on behalf of the current owner (Robert Butler) and my clients, contract purchasers (Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Maguire), please consider this letter and its enclosures to be a request that the City of Vestavia Hills deannex the above-referenced property (the "Property"). To that end, I ask that the Council place this matter on a track so that it is formally considered at a Council meeting.

In support of this proposal, I offer the following:

- 1. A tax map from the Jefferson County Tax Assessor's office identifying the property (Exhibit 1).
- 2. A print-out from the Jefferson County website showing an aerial depiction of the Property. It is noteworthy that in this depiction Jefferson County erroneously shows that a material portion of the perimeter of the Property is in Mountain Brook (Exhibit 2).
- 3. A print-out from the 2018 Courthouse Retrieval System depicting the Property and the surrounding area (Exhibit 3).
- 4. A print-out from the Jefferson County Tax Assessor's office showing the Property as (a) being located in Birmingham, (b) having a Mountain Brook address, and (c) a Vestavia Hills "municipal code".
- 5. As shown on Exhibits 1 and 3, the Property is the last house on a dead-end segment of Briar Oak Drive. All other properties and houses on Briar Oak Drive are located in the City of Mountain Brook. Additionally, there are eight (8) other parcels that border the Property, and *all* of them are in the City of Mountain Brook.

Mr. Jeffrey Downes, City Manager City of Vestavia Hills August 7, 2018 Page 2

- 6. The easternmost border of the Property is the Cahaba River. On the opposite bank of the Cahaba River is land located in the City of Vestavia Hills. Realistically, this contiguous border affords no meaningful access to other Vestavia Hills property, and certainly provides no access for emergency vehicles.
- 7. The Property is the only Vestavia Hills property accessed off of Overton Road via River Oaks Road. There is obviously confusion in the public realm as to the Property's correct jurisdiction. This isolation creates inherent challenges for police, fire and ambulance services from Vestavia Hills to access the Property. It is not unlikely that in an emergency situation, resources from Vestavia Hills, Mountain Brook and perhaps Birmingham would respond and thus potentially compromise the ability of one of the municipalities to properly service their communities.
- 8. If deannexation of the Property is approved, it realistically could not be finalized until after October 1, 2018. Thus, the property taxes owing for the 2019 tax year would be paid to Vestavia Hills.

The Maguires' contract to purchase the Property is contingent on deannexation, so both Mr. Butler and the Maguires request that Vestavia Hills consider this matter in a timely fashion. Thank you in advance for your consideration of the foregoing request. If there is any application fee or other requirement that a payment be made in order for Vestavia Hills to consider a deannexation request, please let me know and my office will promptly forward such payment to your office.

Sincerely,

Frank C. Galloway IIT

FCGIII/jjg Enclosures

#### PATRICK H. BOONE

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
NEW SOUTH FEDERAL SAVINGS BUILDING, SUITE 705
215 RICHARD ARRINGTON, JR. BOULEVARD NORTH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203-3720

TELEPHONE (205) 324-2018 FACSIMILE (205) 324-2295

E-Mail patrickboone@bellsouth.net

August 21, 2018

#### By Electronic Mail

City Clerk Rebecca Leavings Vestavia Hills Municipal Center P. O. Box 660854 Vestavia Hills, Alabama 35266-0854

In Re: Petition for De-annexation from the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Dear Becky:

You have requested my written legal opinion regarding a Petition for De-annexation of real estate situated in the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama ("City") and arising out of the facts detailed below. The purpose of this legal opinion is to comply with your request.

# I. FACTS

The real estate and improvements situated at 3961 Briar Oak Drive in the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama (the "property") has a single-family residential zoning classification. The property consists of approximately twelve (12) acres and was annexed to the City when the Cahaba Heights Fire District was annexed in 2002. It is my understanding that all other property situated on Briar Oak Drive is situated in the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama.

Attorney Frank C. Galloway, III represents a couple that wishes to purchase the property. Based upon a letter dated August 7, 2018 from Mr. Galloway to City Manager Jeffrey Downes, it is my understanding that his clients have agreed contractually to purchase the property provided it is de-annexed from the City of Vestavia Hills and annexed to the City of Mountain Brook. A copy of the letter is attached.

You have requested my written legal opinion regarding the legal obligations of the City regarding this petition for de-annexation. Hence this legal opinion.

### II. ALABAMA LAW

#### A. ANNEXATION:

- 1. <u>Municipalities Have Legal Authority to Annex Real Property to the Corporate Boundaries of the City:</u> Annexation is a government's function with authority and method granted to the city by the legislature. *Sanders v. City of Tuscaloosa*, 395 So.2d 86 (1981); *City of Hoover v. Rocky Ridge Fire Dist.*, 460 So.2d 192 (1984).
- **2.** <u>Annexation is a Legislative Function:</u> The City acts in a legislative capacity when it annexes territory. *City of Birmingham v. Mead Corp.*, 372 So.2d 825 (1979).
- 3. <u>Municipalities Have a Very Broad Discretion of the Necessity of the Reasonableness of Annexations:</u>

"The legislative body of a municipality is given a very broad discretion in the determination of the necessity of the reasonableness of an annexation, and it has been repeatedly held that the courts will interfere only to correct an abuse of that discretion..." 1 Yokley, Municipality Corporations, §34, supra. City of Birmingham v. Mead, 372 So.2d 828 (1979)."

"The general rule is that if the reasonableness of a proposed annexation is fairly debatable, the courts will defer to the judgment of the city council in enacting the annexation ordinance..."

- 4. Property Owners Cannot Require Municipalities to Annex Their Land: If a municipality acts within its delegated authority in annexing territory, the wisdom or expediency of such annexation is not a concern of the courts. Where the question of extending city limits is one on which reasonable men would differ, determination of the question is for city council and city electorate and not for the court. City of Birmingham v. Mead Corp., 372 So.2d 825 (1979).
- **5.** <u>Methods of Annexation:</u> Alabama law allows for three methods through which a city's corporate limits may be extended:
- (a) <u>Legislative Act:</u> Any municipality's corporate limits may be extended by an act of the legislature (*Alabama Constitution*, Article 4 §105);
- **(b)** <u>Election:</u> Municipality's governing body may pass a resolution that certain property be brought within corporate limits of municipality by a majority vote of electors living within boundaries of the property to be annexed (Title 11-42-2, *Code of Alabama*, 1975); and

- (c) <u>Petition by the Owner:</u> The "unanimous consent" method applies when all of owners of land that is contiguous to corporate limits of municipality containing 2,000 inhabitants or more (and that does not lie within police jurisdiction of any other municipality) sign and file petition with the city clerk requesting annexation into municipality, which city may grant by adopting an ordinance.
- (i) <u>Overnight (50-Yard Line)</u>: Code 1975, §§11-42-1, et seq., 11-42-20, et seq.; City of Attalla v. Dean Sausage Co., Inc., 889 So.2d 559 (2003).
- (ii) <u>Ninety Day Annexation</u>: The City of Vestavia Hills may also annex property pursuant to Act No. 32 of the 1964 Legislature, which allows municipalities in counties of this state having a population 600,000 or more to annex property without consideration to the boundary which is equidistant from the respective corporate limits of two municipalities.
- 6. Owners of Property Annexed to a Municipality are Required to Pay Ad Valorem Taxes: Citizens residing in areas annexed to a municipality are required to pay all ad valorem taxes unless the statutory authority for a specific type of annexation provides otherwise. Young Women's Christian Association v. Gunter, 162 So.2d 120, 122 (1935).
- 7. <u>Cities are Required to Provide Municipal Services to Annexed Territory:</u> A municipality is required to provide municipal services to its residents but is not required to provide the same services to non-residents. *City of Attalla v. Dean Sausage Company, Inc.*, 889 So.2d 559 (2003) and Title 11-45-1, *Code of Alabama, 1975*.
- 8. Notice of Annexation Given to Probate Judge: It shall be the duty of the governing body to file a description of the property or territory annexed into the city with the office of the Judge of Probate of the county in which the municipality is located. Title 11-42-21, Code of Alabama, 1975.
- **9.** <u>Annexed Territory Subject to Laws and Ordinances of the City:</u> Title 11-42-72, *Code of Alabama, 1975*, reads as follows:

"All territory brought within the corporate limits of a city under the provisions of this article shall be subject to the laws and ordinances of said city, and the council or governing body of the city shall have and exercise the same jurisdiction over such territory as is exercised over the territory within the corporate limits of the city, except as by this article restricted and except as may be restricted by ordinance or resolution passed by the council or governing body of the city."

#### B. REDUCTION OF CORPORATE LIMITS:

1. <u>Legal Authority</u>: Municipalities in Alabama may de-annex property from the corporate boundaries by using the process set forth in Titles 11-42-200 through 11-42-213, *Code of Alabama*, 1975. The first step is described in Title 11-42-200, *Code of Alabama*, 1975, which provides as follows:

"ARTICLE 7. REDUCTION OF CORPORATE LIMITS §11-42-200. Resolution; generally. Whenever in the opinion of the council or governing body of any city or town the public health or public good requires that the corporate limits of such town or city be reduced and the boundaries thereof reestablished, said council shall pass a resolution defining the proposed corporate limits"

- 2. <u>De-Annexation Is A Legislative Decision</u>: In the case of *Evans v. Stone*, 473 So.2d 495 (Ala.1985), the Supreme Court of Alabama held that when the governing body of a city or town resolves to reduce its corporate limits, it acts in its legislative capacity just as it does when it determines to enlarge its corporate limits. Consequently, when the reasonableness of the proposed reduction is fairly debatable, the Courts will defer to the judgment of the governing body of the city or town and will interfere with its decision only to cure an abuse of discretion.
- 3. Process If There Is A Protest To The De-Annexation: Titles 11-42-202, 11-42-203 and 11-42-204, Code of Alabama, 1975, require an election to determine whether or not the proposed corporate limits shall be altered or reduced in the event there are any protests within the territory to be excluded by any person and reasonable cause is shown which, in the opinion of the Judge of Probate, requires that such question be submitted to the qualified electors of such city or town.
- C. <u>LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS:</u> A court cannot substitute its judgment for a legislative decision of a municipality absent proof of unfair dealing, fraud or bad faith.
  - 1. In the case of Ex Parte James, 836 So.2d 813 (Ala.2002), the Court held:

"This Court 'shall *never* exercise the legislative and executive powers, or either of them; to the end that it may be a government of laws and not of men.' Ala.Const.1901, §43 (*emphasis added*). In Alabama, separation of powers is not merely an implicit 'doctrine' but rather an express command."

2. In the case of *Guarisco v. City of Daphne*, 825 So.2d 750 (Ala.2002), the Court held:

"The Supreme Court is not given the power to review the wisdom or unwisdom, or the rightness or wrongness of laws passed by the governing bodies of municipalities."

3. In the case of Ex Parte City of Birmingham, 624 So.2d 1018 (Ala.1993), the Court held:

"Finally, it is a well-established principal of law that a court cannot substitute its judgment for that of a municipality, absent proof of unfair dealing, fraud, or bad faith. City of Birmingham v. Wilkinson, 516 So.2d 585 (Ala.1987); Bentley v. County Comm'n for Russell County, 264 Ala. 106, 84 So.2d 490, 493 (1955); Van Antwerp v. Board of Comm'rs of City of Mobile, 217 Ala. 201, 115 So. 239, 243 (1928)."

### III. LEGAL OPINION

If the Petition for De-Annexation comes before the City Council for consideration, then in such event the City Council will have two options, both of which shall be legislative decisions.

A. <u>APPROVAL OF PETITION:</u> If the petition is approved, then in such event the City Clerk will forward the petition, together with any and all other required documents to the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama. If no objection is made to the Probate Court, then in such event the Court will enter the appropriate order.

If a protest is made, then in such event the Probate Court shall call for a general election for the electorate of the City to vote on the issue.

**B.** <u>DENIAL OF PETITION:</u> If the City Council denies the Petition for De-Annexation, then in such event it is my legal opinion that a Court will not substitute its judgment for the City Council unless it first determines that there has been unfair dealing, fraud or bad faith.

# IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

No one filed a Court challenge to the annexation of Cahaba Heights in 2002. How could maintaining the status quo today be an abuse of discretion, unfair dealing, fraud or bad faith?

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this legal opinion.

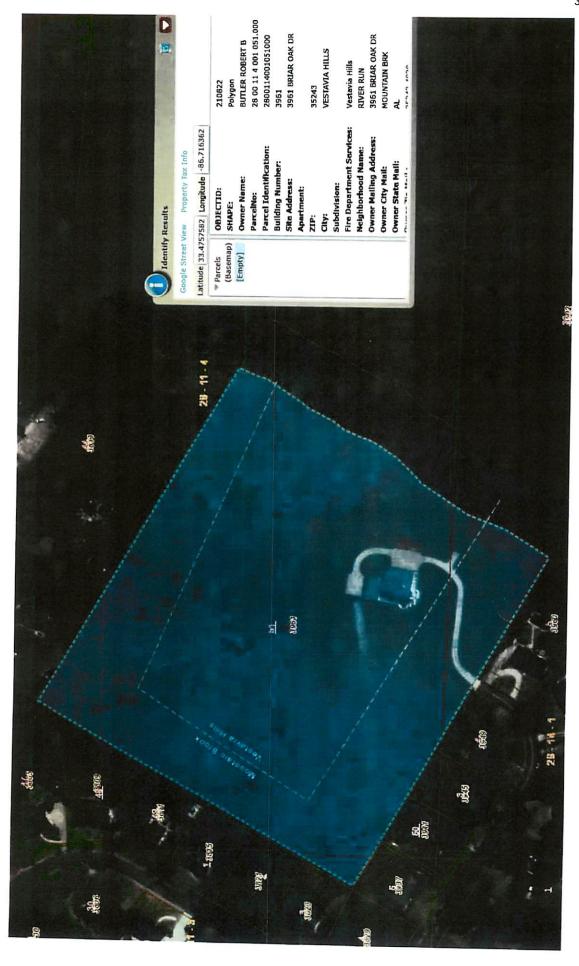
Sincerely,

Patrick H. Boone Vestavia Hills City Attorney

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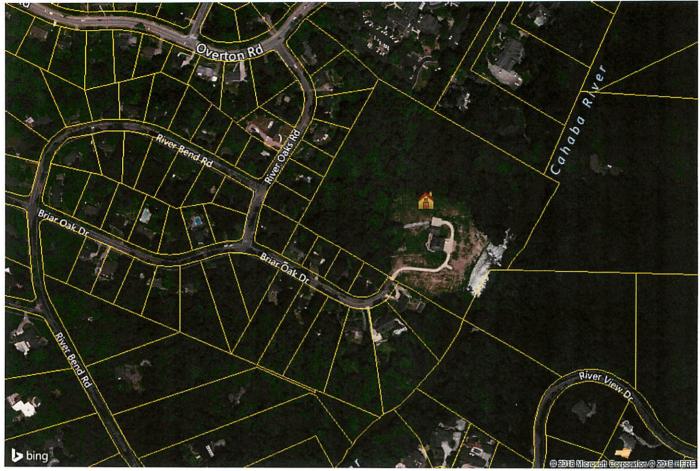
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cc: City Manager Jeff Downes (w/encl.)





# **CRS Bing™ Map**



Map for Parcel Address: 3961 Briar Oak Dr Mountain Brk, AL 35243-4838, Parcel ID: 28 00 11 4 001 051.000