



# City Council Report

**Date:** February 22, 2021  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Natalie Lewis, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Christine Zielonka, Development Services Director  
Nana Appiah, Planning Director  
**Subject:** Introduction of an Ordinance for annexation case ANX20-00665, located north of University Drive and west of Ellsworth Road (1.0± acre). *Council District 5*

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this agenda item is for the City Council to conduct a public hearing on the proposed annexation of 1.0± acres of land (see Exhibit "A").

Reese Anderson, Pew and Lake, P.L.C. for the owners, Vance and Amanda Williams. The annexation petition was released for signature on January 18, 2021.

Staff Recommends approval of the annexation.

## Background

The annexation area consists of one undeveloped parcel generally located north of East University Drive and west of North Ellsworth Road (see Exhibit 'A'). The applicant is requesting annexation to develop the parcel within the corporate limits of the City of Mesa. Currently, the site is zoned Single Residence 43 (RU-43) in Maricopa County. The annexation ordinance will establish City of Mesa zoning designation of Single Residence 43 (RS-43) on the property.

## Discussion

The proposed annexation area is completely surrounded by the existing City of Mesa corporate boundaries and is within the City of Mesa Planning Area. The subject property has a General Plan character area designation of "Neighborhood". Upon annexation, any development of the subject property will be required to comply with City of Mesa development standards, including storm water retention, street improvements, landscaping, screening, and signage. The City will also collect the development fees as well as supply water and gas utilities. Utilities and City services are already provided in the area and extension of these services will have minimal impact on the City.

The City of Mesa Departments/Divisions of Transportation, Fire, Solid Waste, and Water Resources have provided comments related to the future development of the property; however, none of the comments pertain to the annexation of the current vacant land.

**Planning**

State Statute requires the City to adopt a zoning classification that permits densities and uses no greater than those permitted by the County on newly annexed land (A.R.S. §9-471-L). The property is currently zoned RU-43 in Maricopa County. City of Mesa zoning designation of RS-43 will be established through the annexation ordinance.

**Fiscal Impact**

Annexation of this land will result in the collection of any future secondary property tax, construction tax, and development fees generated from the land.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Area .....	1.0± Acre
Population .....	0 People
Dwelling Units .....	0 Homes
Existing Businesses .....	0 Businesses
Arterial Streets .....	0 miles
Total Owners .....	1 Owner
Total Assessed Valuation of private land .....	\$16,081