



STAFF REPORT

Case Number: ANX22-02

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
 From: Rodolfo Lopez, Development Services Director
 Meeting Date: February 21, 2023

REQUEST

Annexation (ANX) ANX 22-02: This staff report provides the Mayor and City Council with the background information on Annexation 22-02 and discusses conformance with the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S. § 9-471). Also, a recommendation to move forward with the adoption of the Annexation, by considering approval of Ordinance 23-08, if the Council so desires. The property is generally located west of N. John Wayne Pkwy., north of Smith Enke Rd., east of Green Rd. alignment, and south of Smith Enke Rd., within Pinal County.

A blank petition for Annexation 22-02 was filed with the Pinal County Recorder's office on September 21, 2022. The blank petition is accompanied by a signed and notarized affidavit, survey map, and legal descriptions of the proposed annexation territory (refer to Exhibit A).

This proposal is to annex a one-mile stretch of roadway by 100 feet wide that is currently under the jurisdiction of Pinal County. This request will allow the city to properly take ownership of the ADOT ROW as previously initiated by the city.

On October 18, the Mayor and City Council held a public hearing as required by State Law. Notification letters were sent to all residents within 600 feet of the annexation area, informing residents of the request and the meeting held on October 18. Several calls were received regarding the request for clarification however, no objection to the request has been made to date. Additionally, the City notified the Pinal County Board of Supervisor Chair, the Department of Commerce, and the County Tax Assessor.

Per the City of Maricopa General Plan Chapter II (A), Land Use Element (5) Goals and Objectives, annexation is specifically stated in *Goal 6 and Objective a*, as follows:

- *Pursue annexation of unincorporated areas in a logical, systematic and fiscally sound manner.*
- *Objective a:* Systematically study costs, benefits and economic opportunities associated with annexations.

On February 8, 2023, the City of Maricopa completed the required signed petition as required by State Law. A copy was filed with the City Clerk and recorded with Pinal County's Recorders office (refer to Exhibit B).

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve Annexation 22-02 by adopting Ordinance 23-08, to incorporate approximately 12 acres of land within the City of Maricopa's municipal boundary.

Exhibit A: Recorded Blank Petition

Exhibit B: Recorded Petition