The policy of the City Council on the initial zoning of property under consideration for annexation into the City is as follows:

1. The City Planning Department shall notify the property owners by letter that the initial municipal zoning proceedings are beginning. The letter shall state the existing County zoning of the property, if zoned, and the proposed municipal zoning. The initial zoning proposal and any requests for changes shall be heard by the City Zoning Commission prior to recommending the zoning map to the City Council.

2. For voluntary annexation requests, the City Clerk shall schedule the initial zoning public hearing before the City Council immediately prior to the public hearing on the annexation petition. Council’s action on that zoning will be preliminary as the property in question has not yet been annexed and, therefore, is not within the City’s authority to zone.

3. The annexation petitioner may request to withdraw their petition to annex after the preliminary initial zoning action and prior to action on that petition. If such a request is timely made by all petitioners, the Council will table action on the annexation petition indefinitely.

4. The final initial zoning action will be included in the motion to approve the petition for annexation.