

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF GRAPELAND, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO SAID TERRITORY AND TO ALL FUTURE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID FUTURE INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS AND ORDINANCES OF THE SAID CITY.

WHEREAS, a petition for annexation has been duly signed and acknowledged by each and every person or corporation having an interest in the area described in "Exhibit A" attached hereto, which said "Exhibit A" is referred to and incorporated herein for all purposes and was filed with the City of Grapeland, Texas on the 14th day of February, 1997; and

WHEREAS, said tract of land is contiguous to the City of Grapeland, Texas, is not more than one-half (1/2) mile in width, and is one on which fewer than three qualified voters reside; and

WHEREAS, this annexation will cause an area to be entirely surrounded by the City of Grapeland, Texas, but will not include the area within the municipality, and the City Council of the City of Grapeland, Texas finds that surrounding the area is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, said petition was presented to the City Council on the 14th day of February, 1997, and

WHEREAS, after hearing such petition and the arguments for and against the same the City Council has voted to grant such petition and to annex said territory to the City of Grapeland, Texas;

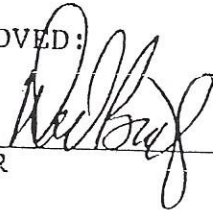
NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Grapeland, Texas:

That the area described in "Exhibit A" attached hereto, which said "Exhibit A" is referred to and incorporated herein for all purposes, be and the same is hereby annexed to the City of Grapeland, Houston County, Texas, and the city limits of the City of Grapeland, Texas are hereby extended to include the above described territory within the city limits of the City of Grapeland, Texas and the same shall hereafter be included within the territorial limits of said city, and said land and the future inhabitants thereof shall hereafter be entitled to all rights and privileges of other citizens of the City of Grapeland, Texas and shall be bound by the acts and ordinances of said city.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of Houston County, Texas a certified copy of this ordinance, together with a copy or duplicate of the petition, within thirty (30) days after the annexation is approved by the United States Department of Justice through the preclearance process.


PASSED by an affirmative vote of all members of the City Council, this 8th day of April, 1997.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

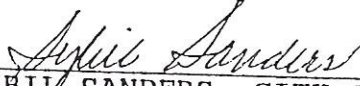
ATTEST:



SYBIL SANDERS, CITY SECRETARY

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original proposed Ordinance.

This 8th day of April, 1997.



SYBIL SANDERS, CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF GRAPELAND, TEXAS