

## **Annexation - Hearing Findings Requirements**

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A public hearing was held on \_\_\_\_\_ for the annexation petition for \_\_\_\_\_ and the following items were discussed in the public hearing for the following annexation petition:

W.S. 15-1-402(a): Before any territory is eligible for annexation, the governing body of any city or town at a hearing as provided in W.S. 15-1-405 shall find that:

\_\_\_\_\_ An annexation of the area is for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the persons residing in the area and in the city or town;

\_\_\_\_\_ The urban development of the area sought to be annexed would constitute a natural, geographical, economical, and social part of the annexing city or town;

\_\_\_\_\_ The area sought to be annexed is a logical and feasible addition to the annexing city or town and the extension of basic and other services customarily available to residents of the city or town shall, within reason, be available to the area proposed to be annexed;

\_\_\_\_\_ The area sought to be annexed is contiguous<sup>1</sup> with or adjacent to the annexing city or town, or the area is owned by the city;

\_\_\_\_\_ If the town does not own or operate its own electric utility, its governing body is prepared to issue one (1) or more franchises as necessary to serve the annexed area pursuant to W.S. 15-1-410; and

\_\_\_\_\_ The annexing town, not less than twenty (20) business days<sup>2</sup> prior to the public hearing required by W.S. 15-1-405(a), has sent by certified mail to all landowners and affected public utilities within the territory and by first class mail to any persons owning property that is within three hundred (300) feet of the territory proposed to be annexed, regardless of whether the property is inside or outside the corporate limits of the annexing town and regardless whether the city or town is exercising authority under W.S. 15-3-202 (b)(ii), a summary of the proposed annexation report as required under subsection (c) of this section and notice of the time, date and location of the public hearing required by W.S. 15-1-405(a).

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<sup>1</sup> W.S. §15-1-402 (b) “Contiguity will not be adversely affected by the existence of a platted street or alley, a public or private right-of-way, a public or private transportation right-of-way, a lake, stream, reservoir or other natural or artificial waterway located between the annexing city or town and the land sought to be annexed.”

<sup>2</sup> W.S. §15-1-401 (a)(i) “Business day’ means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday as established by the annexing municipality”.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_