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FOCUS AREA: Other / NA

**ORGANIZATIONAL
IMPROVEMENTS:**

SUBJECT: **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-1215**, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **EXTENDING and INCREASING the CORPORATE LIMITS of the CITY of DOUGLAS, COCHISE COUNTY, STATE of ARIZONA**, pursuant to the provisions of **TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES** and amendments thereto, by **ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY** contiguous to the **EXISTING CITY of DOUGLAS LIMITS** consisting of 89.05 acres, more or less, and located in the known area as the **SOUTHEASTERN PORTION of SUNNYSIDE FIRE DISTRICT AREA ANNEXATION** and **ADOPTING** initial zoning of SFR-32 for said territory; establishing severability of components of Ordinance; and establishing an effective date thereof.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This ordinance annexes territory contiguous to the City of Douglas, currently within Cochise County and known as the SEP-SSFDA area. This action is part of the city's long-term strategic annexation plan and complies with all provisions of A.R.S. §9-471. The annexation petition was signed by the required number of property owners and meets the statutory property value threshold for annexation.

BACKGROUND:

On January 21, 2025, the City of Douglas initiated an Annexation petition with Cochise County in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 7. The petition included:

- A legal description of the proposed annexation area
- An accurate map of the area
- Signatures from more than 50% of property owners and 50% of the assessed property value within the annexation boundary
- Signatures collection data for this annexation totaled 58% in signatures and 68.5% of net assessed values.

The territory is directly contiguous to the existing city limits and lies within the city's planning area.

DISCUSSION:

The ordinance presented for Council adoption formally extends the city's corporate boundaries to include the Southeastern Portion of Sunnyside Fire District Area. All procedural steps, including verification of signatures and filing with the Cochise County Recorder, are complete.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Successful annexation will result in an increase in:

- The city's assessed valuation
- Population count
- Allocation of shared revenues, including state-shared taxes and grants
- The city prepared an Infrastructure and Services Plan detailing impacts to different city services and departments.

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-1215 BY NUMBER AND TITLE ONLY.”