

**81A.420 Ordinance declaring intent to annex -- Petition on proposed annexation --
When city may enact ordinance.**

- (1) When a city desires to annex unincorporated territory, the legislative body of the city proposing to annex shall enact an ordinance stating the intention of the city to annex. The ordinance shall accurately define the boundary of the unincorporated territory proposed to be annexed, and declare it desirable to annex the unincorporated territory. The city shall provide written notice to the fiscal court of the county in which the territory is located regarding the proposed annexation that includes a map and a description of the area to be annexed.
- (2) If following the publication of the annexation ordinance pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and within sixty (60) days thereof, fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the resident voters or owners of real property within the limits of the territory proposed to be annexed petition the mayor in opposition to the proposal, the ordinance proposing annexation shall become ineffectual for any purpose.
- (3) In not less than sixty (60) days after the enactment of the ordinance, if no petition containing the signatures of fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the resident voters or owners of real property within the limits of the territory proposed to be annexed in opposition to the proposal has been received by the mayor as set forth in subsection (2) of this section, and if the city has provided the written notice described in subsection (1) of this section at least forty-five (45) days prior, the legislative body may enact an ordinance annexing to the city the territory described in the ordinance. If the city has elected to establish the zoning for the new territory prior to the completion of the annexation pursuant to KRS 100.209, the ordinance shall include a map showing the zoning. Upon the enactment of this ordinance, the territory shall become part of the city for all purposes.

Effective: July 15, 2024

History: Amended 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 158, sec. 2, effective July 15, 2024. -- Amended 1996 Ky. Acts ch. 195, sec. 43, effective July 15, 1996. -- Amended 1990 Ky. Acts ch. 362, sec. 12, effective July 13, 1990. -- Amended 1988 Ky. Acts ch. 6, sec. 2, effective February 12, 1988. -- Amended 1986 Ky. Acts ch. 141, sec. 43, effective July 15, 1986. -- Amended 1982 Ky. Acts ch. 360, sec. 20, effective July 15, 1982. -- Created 1980 Ky. Acts ch. 303, sec. 3, effective July 15, 1980.