

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
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Subject	Raleigh-Knightdale Annexation Agreement Renewal

North Carolina state law allows adjacent cities to enter into agreements concerning future annexations they undertake. These agreements are meant to promote the orderly planning of the participating municipalities and to avoid potential conflicts. Annexation agreements designate which municipality a property owner may apply to for annexation, but do not address inter-municipal arrangements for delivery of services, such as water or public safety. Under North Carolina Statute, agreements last 20 years. The most recent of Raleigh's agreements was executed in 2024 with the Town of Garner.

The City of Raleigh has an annexation agreement with the Town of Knightdale that was adopted by both municipalities in October of 2006 with an expiration date of October 6, 2026. Staff from both jurisdictions have been in ongoing conversation about the renewal of the agreement.

If the two cities wish to continue to have an annexation agreement, they will need to adopt a new agreement. A new agreement can be adopted before the existing one expires as long as it has language stating that it replaces the existing agreement. If the current agreement expires, there will be a lapse in the policies associated with it. However, there are no additional procedural requirements for adopting a new agreement if the agreement is allowed to expire. Each city participating in an annexation agreement must hold a public hearing before adopting it.

Raleigh and Knightdale staff concur that the new agreement is ready to move forward. To do so, each municipality must hold a public hearing before adoption. Staff expects to place the new agreement on City Council's consent agenda on May 5, 2026, recommending a public hearing on May 19, 2026. The corresponding Knightdale Town Council public hearing is anticipated to be held by June of 2026. If approved, the new annexation agreement would be in effect until 2046.

No major changes have been proposed by staff from either municipality. No changes to the current boundary line are proposed. The legal description underlying the current

boundary line has been updated with contemporary references to the Wake County Registry to account for subdivisions, recombinations, and other development activity that has occurred since 2006.

Attachments:

1. Map of Existing/Proposed Annexation Boundary Line
2. Draft Legal Description