

# COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Airline Road Area Sewer

MEETING DATE: 08-20-09

PAYSON GOAL: NEW:            EXISTING:

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SUBMITTED BY: LaRon Garrett, Pub. Wks Dir.

AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$0

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA  
APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$0

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: \$0

EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached): Map of the Area Proposed for Annexation

**POSSIBLE MOTION:** I move to authorize the Public Works Director to sign the four petitions for the Northern Gila County Sanitary District supporting the proposed annexation of the Town owned property in the Airline Drive Potential Annexation Area.

**SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION:** The area along Airline Road and Luke Drive in the northeast part of Payson is not served by sanitary sewer. The area is not within the Northern Gila County Sanitary District (NGCSD) and all developed properties in the area are served either by septic systems or by alternative sewage disposal systems. Several of the septic systems are near failing and, when they fail, will most likely need to be replaced with an alternative sewage disposal system. Replacing an existing septic system with an alternative system is an expensive process. They can cost about \$20,000 to \$25,000. There have been several previous attempts to annex this area into the NGCSD but to date all have failed. The NGCSD has initiated a new petition drive to determine if there is adequate support to annex this area into the District boundaries. If the area is annexed into the NGCSD then properties will be connected to the sanitary sewer, eliminating the need for septic systems or alternative systems. At least 50% of the property owners in the area equaling at least 50% of the assessed value in the area must return the annexation petitions in favor of the annexation for the process to move forward. If the area is annexed into the NGCSD, then the next step is for the NGCSD to create an improvement district to install sewer lines in the area.

The Town of Payson owns four parcels of property in this area. There are two regular lots (one has a well on it), one small piece that is a well site, and one small piece that is adjacent to the two lots. The septic systems in the area pose a potential threat of contamination to the existing wells. It is definitely in the Town's interest to have this area annexed into the NGCSD to remove the septic systems. The Town has received four petitions for this annexation, one for each parcel of property. The Town has also budgeted \$300,000 to participate in the improvement district, if the annexation is approved by the required number of properties. However, it is possible that the improvement district will not move forward until next fiscal year. The schedule depends on how quick the property owners return the petitions. The Arizona Revised Statutes require that the petition process remain open for one year unless the two 50% tests are met prior to that time.

Staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the Public Works Director to sign the four annexation petitions supporting the proposed annexation.

**PROS:** This will eliminate the septic systems in the area and greatly reduce the potential for well contamination.

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**CONS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT (if any):** The Town has held one public meeting and the NGCSD has held public hearings concerning this annexation.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):** N/A

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**FUNDING:**

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