

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 1473

HOUSE BILL NO. 1473 - By: SANDERS of the House.

An Act relating to cities and towns; amending 11 O.S. 2001, Section 21-103, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2005 (11 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 21-103), which relates to the annexation procedure for cities; providing additional exception for land exempt from certain ordinances; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2001, Section 21-103, as last amended by
2 Section 2, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2005 (11 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 21-103), is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 Section 21-103. A. Before the governing body of a city may annex any territory
5 adjacent or contiguous to the city, it must obtain the written consent of the owners of at
6 least a majority of the acres to be annexed to the municipality and provide for notice and
7 a public hearing on the proposed annexation of the territory in the manner provided in
8 subsection B of this section; except that no such consent is needed where:

9 1. The territory to be annexed is subdivided into tracts or parcels of less than five
10 (5) acres and contains more than one residence; or

11 2. Three sides of the territory to be annexed are adjacent or contiguous to the
12 property already within the municipal limits if:

1 the county treasurer and to all owners of property abutting any public right-of-way that
2 forms the boundary of the territory proposed to be annexed; provided that the notice of
3 annexation shall be mailed by certified mail to every person who owns a parcel of land of
4 five (5) acres or more used for agricultural purposes; and

5 3. The public hearing of such annexation shall be held no earlier than fourteen (14)
6 days nor more than thirty (30) days following the publication and mailing of the notice.

7 C. Unless otherwise provided by law, a roadway or road right-of-way that is
8 adjacent or contiguous to the territory to be annexed shall be considered a part and
9 parcel to the territory to be annexed.

10 D. Before any territory is annexed to a municipality, without the written consent of
11 the owners of at least a majority of the acres to be annexed to the municipality in
12 accordance with subsection A of this section, the governing body of the municipality shall
13 direct that notice of the proposed annexation of the territory be published in a legally
14 qualified newspaper of general circulation in the territory and shall hold a public hearing
15 on the proposed annexation. Prior to the publication of notice, the municipality shall
16 prepare a plan to extend municipal services including, but not limited to, water, sewer,
17 fire protection, law enforcement and the cost of such services appropriate to the proposed
18 annexed territory. The plan shall provide that the municipality complete the
19 implementation of the plan in accordance with any existing capital improvement plan
20 applicable to the portion of the municipality adjacent to the territory proposed to be
21 annexed. If no such capital improvement plan has been adopted, the municipality shall
22 complete the service plan within one hundred twenty (120) months from the date of

1 annexation unless a different time is determined by consensus between property owners
2 and the municipality at the hearing. The time for completion of the service plan shall be
3 set forth in the ordinance annexing the territory. If municipality services are not
4 substantially complete within the prescribed time, then the territory shall be detached by
5 the governing body as provided in Section 21-110 of this title. For purposes of this
6 subsection, services may be provided by any method or means available to the
7 municipality to extend municipal services to any other area of the city. Such notice,
8 hearing and plan shall be subject to the following provisions:

9 1. The notice shall describe the boundaries of the territory proposed to be annexed
10 by reference to a map, geographical locations, legal or physical description or other
11 reasonable designation and shall state that the proposed service plan is available for
12 inspection at a specified location. The notice shall state the date, time, and place when
13 the governing body shall conduct a public hearing on the question of annexing the
14 territory. The notice shall be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the
15 territory sought to be annexed within fourteen (14) days following the date the governing
16 body directed the notice to be published. A copy of the notice of annexation shall be
17 mailed by first-class mail to all owners of property to be annexed as shown by the current
18 year's ownership rolls in the office of the county treasurer and to the Department of
19 Transportation for purposes of clarifying any road maintenance responsibilities; provided
20 that the notice of annexation shall be mailed by certified mail to every person who owns
21 parcel of land of five (5) acres or more used for agricultural purposes and to the board of
22 county commissioners of the respective county where the proposed annexation is located.

1 If the territory to be annexed encroaches upon any adjacent county, a copy of the notice of
2 annexation shall be mailed by first-class mail to the board of county commissioners of the
3 adjacent county and of the county where the proposed annexation is located;

4 2. The public hearing of such annexation shall be held no earlier than fourteen (14)
5 days nor more than thirty (30) days following the publication and mailing of the notice;
6 and

7 3. The proposed service plan shall be available for inspection and be explained to
8 the property owners of the territory to be annexed at the public hearing. The plan may
9 be amended through negotiation at the hearing. The final service plan shall be
10 incorporated into and made part of the ordinance annexing the territory.

11 E. As used in this section:

12 1. "Airport" means any facility owned by any legal entity or by a county, a
13 municipality or a public trust having at least one county or municipality as its
14 beneficiary which is used primarily for the purpose of providing air transportation of
15 persons or goods or both by aircraft powered through the use of propellers, turboprops,
16 jets or similar propulsion systems;

17 2. "Military installation" means those facilities constituting the active or formerly
18 active bases owned by the Department of Defense or other applicable entity of the United
19 States government or by any entity of local government after transfer of title to such
20 installation; and

21 3. "Spaceport" means any area as defined pursuant to Section 5202 of Title 74 of
22 the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 F. Except for ordinances enacted pursuant to Section 43-101.1 of this title, parcels
2 of land five (5) acres or more used for agricultural purposes annexed into the municipal
3 limits on or after July 1, 2003 or parcels of land ten (10) acres or more used for
4 agricultural purposes annexed into the municipal limits at any time, shall be exempt
5 from ordinances restricting land use and building construction to the extent such land
6 use or construction is related to agricultural purposes. Where there is no residence
7 within fifty (50) feet of the boundaries of such a parcel of land, the property shall not be
8 subject to ordinances regulating conduct that would not be an offense under state law;
9 provided, that any such property that discharges into the municipal water, wastewater,
10 or sewer system shall be subject to any ordinances or regulations related to compliance
11 with environmental standards for that system.

12 G. Parcels of land situated within an area that is or may be subject to any form of
13 land use or other regulatory control as a result of proximity to an airport, spaceport or
14 military installation shall not be exempt from municipal ordinances or other laws
15 regulating property for the purpose of operations necessary for the use of an airport,
16 spaceport or military installation and such parcels of land shall be subject to all
17 ordinances enacted pursuant to Section 43-101.1 of this title.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 02-
20 18-09 - DO PASS.