

Annexation Agreement (Blendon Twp.)

Authorizing the City of Columbus to enter into an annexation agreement with Blendon Township and authorizing conformance of boundaries to the city
Status: Authorizing Ordinance
(Anticipated 6/14/2021 as Emergency)
Committee: Economic Development

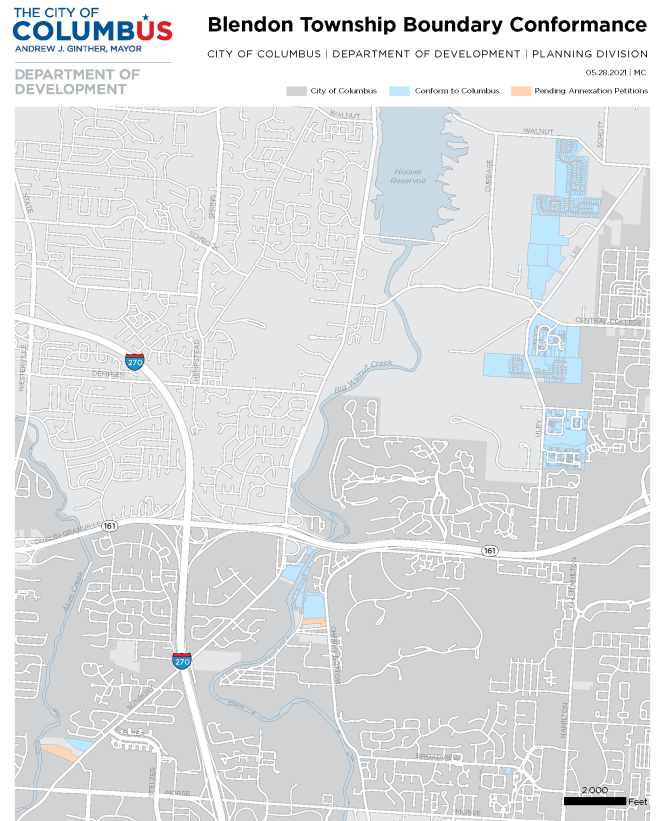
Legislation

1433-2021 Authorizing Ordinance

Principal Parties

Blendon Township contact:
Bryan Rhoads, Township Administrator

Staff: Marc Rostan (process)



Key Issues

- This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an Annexation Agreement with the Trustees of Blendon Township. This legislation further authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to submit a petition to the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to undertake boundary conformance for those areas annexed from 2002 to present under the Expedited Type Two process.
- The annexation agreement will remedy an overlap in boundaries between the City of Columbus and Blendon Township resulting from annexations (from 2002 to present) using the Expedited Type Two annexation petition process.
- The Expedited Type Two process, outlined in the Ohio Revised Code, does not generally allow municipalities to conform the boundaries of newly annexed territory. As a consequence, annexed lands remain in the township even though they have been annexed by the City – thereby having a “dual” status with respect to such things as tax obligations and elections.
- An exception to the boundary conformance prohibition is permitted (ORC 709.023(H)) if an annexation agreement between the municipality and township addresses the matter.
- The Blendon Township Trustees support conformance of these areas as well as conformance of all future annexations by Columbus.
- Both the City and Township have determined that it is in the best interest of their respective residents, citizens and taxpayers to enter into an Annexation Agreement requiring the removal of previously annexed land from Blendon Township and setting in place the same provision for future annexations.