

# ANNEXATION METHODS

Following is an overview of the methods of annexation.

Today there are a total of three methods of annexation. They are as follows:

## Legislative

The General Assembly for the State of North Carolina may add territory to a municipality by a local act.

## Citizen Initiated

There are two procedures for citizen initiated annexation, also known as annexation by petition. Both procedures require a petition from the owners of 100 percent of the land being annexed:

- 1) Contiguous annexation is when the property adjoins the Town [NC GS 160A-31].
- 2) Non-contiguous or satellite annexation is when the property does not adjoin the Town [NC GS 160A-58 through NC GS 160A-58.6].

In 2011 Session Law 2011-396 repealed town initiated annexation for areas meeting statutory standards.

Some frequently asked questions regarding annexation include; which of the above methods of annexation have been used in the Town of Clayton and which method is the most used?

The available records for the Town's annexation history begin in 1973. To assist with the above questions, the annexations have been broken down by method.

## Legislative

- Corporate limits were squared up, 5/16/1973
- Glen Laurel Subdivision, 7/20/1993
- Riverwood Athletic Club, 3/29/1999
- Riverwalk Subdivision on Pritchard Road, 6/30/2006
- NC Agricultural Farm Property, 6/30/2015
- Raymond Earp Jr Family Trust Property; portion of parcel 05H02009
- Novo Nordisk Property, 05I05008A

### Citizen Initiated (or Voluntary)

- From 1982 through August 15, 2022, the Clayton Town Council has adopted 175 citizen-initiated annexation ordinances.
- Of the 175 citizen initiated annexation ordinances:
  - 146 are contiguous and
  - 29 are non-contiguous.
- A non-contiguous annexation becomes contiguous when it touches the primary corporate limits.

### Town Initiated (or Involuntary)\*

- Peele Subdivision 85.51 ACRES (5/18/1992) [sewer improvement project]
- N. O'Neil Street - PORTION - 2.59 ACRES (5/18/1992) [sewer improvement project]
- Brian Center - 7.52 ACRES (5/18/1992) [sewer improvement project]
- Remainder of lots on Lake Drive - 5.87 ACRES (5/18/1992) [sewer improvement project]

*\*This method was repealed in 2011.*

The Town of Clayton has experienced all the methods of annexation, and the annexation method most used is the citizen initiated annexation method.

### What are the reasons citizens request annexation?

- Utility service such as water and sewer
- Police and fire protection
- Solid waste collection
- Street maintenance
- Zoning consideration
- ABC license

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