



VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION INCENTIVE ACT OF 2011

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- **PURPOSE:** Provide a temporary incentive to encourage VOLUNTARY annexations to help resolve “donut holes”
 - A couple of examples:
 - Brandon Oaks – still some streets in County; as a major neighborhood, should be contiguous Town of Indian Trail
 - Sun Valley Commons area – businesses adjacent to existing Harris Teeter remain in County while surrounded by IT neighborhoods and IT schools
 - Current Indian Trail boundaries map is like a jigsaw puzzle - many county pieces INSIDE current IT borders
 - Purpose primarily NOT to gain or “expand” territory but rather make existing boundaries more sensible



- Current political climate unfavorable to involuntary annexations at ALL levels
- Current application fee (\$500) unfavorable and prohibitive in encouraging *VOLUNTARY* annexations
- Result: No resolution, no action – “donut hole” issues remain unresolved, map remains a puzzle piece
- This proposal not a guaranteed solution but may entice some to take advantage of a *temporary* moratorium
 - *Strictly voluntary*
- Fees lost easily recouped in eventual ad valorem taxes
- Provides more efficient processes for all Town Services
 - Sorry to mention it but we all realize the current zip codes issue (Indian Trail, Matthews, Monroe) is bad enough (!) in correctly identifying Town of Indian Trail boundaries, neighborhoods and businesses



Proposal for Consideration:

- For roughly a 90 day period (3 months), effective Jul 1–Sep 30, 2011, our current \$500 *VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION* application fee would be waived
- For the next 90 day period, Oct 1-Dec 31, 2011, a 50% reduction in the \$500 application fee would apply, thus a fee of: \$250.
- Starting Jan 1, 2012, our existing fee of \$500 would resume
- Provides 6 months of incentives to take action for those desiring to do so

Tonight's Requested Actions

- Brief presentation by Town Manager or Planning Director describing current *Voluntary* Annexation fees and processes
- Council Actions
 - Discussion
 - Adopt proposal as presented
 - Adopt proposal with modifications
 - Disapprove proposal