

### **Questions from Public Hearing**

**Question:** What are the benefits to the property owner from annexation?

**Answer:** Benefits include increased police and fire protection, EMS services, code enforcement, library services, trash pickup, ability to vote in City elections and representation on City Council

**Question:** Why are we not allowed to vote on the annexation?

**Answer:** The requirements for annexation are set forth in State law. There is no provision to permit property owners to vote on annexation.

**Question:** Why is City sewer service not provided in the proposed annexation areas?

**Answer:** The City is required to provide services comparable to services provided in similar areas. There are property owners currently within the City limits that have on-site or septic sewer service. Therefore the City is not required to provide sewer service at this time.

**Question:** Can I continue my current use of property?

**Answer:** State law provides that if your use of the property is legal at the time of annexation, that use may continue provided it does not constitute a nuisance or pose a risk to health and safety. There are certain exceptions set forth in State law.

If you are currently under construction and/or have a valid County permit, you are able to complete construction under the existing County codes.

**Question:** When does this take effect?

**Answer:** The annexation is complete upon approval by the Terrell City Council on second reading on December 6, 2016.

**Question:** How will this affect my fireworks stand?

**Answer:** Possession and sale of fireworks are expressly prohibited in the City limits by City Ordinance. Fireworks are also a specific exception to the existing use statute making it subject to City regulation.