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City of Papillion Announces Proposed Annexation Package

PAPILLION, Nebraska, October 11, 2017 – The City of Papillion has announced its plans to annex areas both east and west contiguous to its current city limits.

The eastern portion of the proposed annexation includes the Cotton Wood sanitary improvement district #137 along with the adjacent Heritage Hill Church of the Nazarene property. The western portion includes Omaha National Cemetery, Travelers data center, Oxbow pet food distribution center, an Omaha Public Power District property and Sarpy Power Park East and West, the location of the Facebook data center.

The annexation allows the City of Papillion to offset the costs of annexing the eastern residential areas with revenue from the western industrial and commercial areas.

“Our may ask, why now?” said Papillion Mayor David Black. “Sarpy County and Facebook have anticipated that Sarpy Power Park East and West would be annexed by the City of Papillion. The new industrial and commercial growth outside of SIDs is being leveraged to annex older residential SIDs that still have debt.”

The proposed annexation package will appear before Papillion Planning Commission on Oct. 25. It will then be heard by Papillion City Council during special meetings Oct. 26 for introduction, Oct. 27 for public hearing and Oct. 28 for final approval. If approved, the annexation would be effective Nov. 12.

The annexation package is not a reaction to Gretna’s recently proposed annexation. The City of Papillion had been planning a fall annexation package and, prior to Gretna’s announcement, was working toward the Oct. 25 Planning Commission meeting. Neither Papillion’s proposed annexation nor its extended extra territorial zoning jurisdiction are in conflict with Gretna’s proposed annexation. The annexation honors the existing full boundary agreement with Springfield and the partial boundary agreement with Gretna.