

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CERTIFYING ANNEXATION AREA POPULATIONS TO STATE TREASURER

BACKGROUND:

Recently, staff was made aware of a process related to changes in the distribution of Road Use Tax when annexing new territory to a city. Iowa Code Section [§312.3\(4\)](#) requires a city to certify to the State Treasurer the increased population of the city based upon the Census Block population from the most recent Census. The County Auditor recently contacted the City of Ames for this information to respond to the new redistricting requirements for Story County Board of Supervisor elections. As a result, staff is presenting this to City Council for approval.

Since 2021, the City has completed eight annexations. Most of these annexations do not include a substantial number of people based upon the 2020 Census Block information. The table below indicates the annexation, related census blocks, and estimated population. For annexations that do not include a whole census block, staff has apportioned out the population based upon the number of households in the block and the number of households annexed by the City.

For the 2021 through 2024 annexations staff estimates 18 people were added to the City. The attached map identifies the location of the annexations and the Census blocks.

2021-2024

Year	Annexation Property	Acres	Block ID#	100% Block Population	Proportional Annexed Population
2021	Huang	33.18ac	5013	6	6
2024	Wong	141.92ac		1	1
2021	Flummerfelt - Lincoln	41.11ac	5021	9	9
			5022	0	0
2021	Hyde - Hunziker	6.99ac	3002	9*	2
2021	580th Ave - Teller	115.19ac	2085	10*	0
2022	Dayton Industrial	72.99ac	1036	21*	0
2022	ISU - Curtis Farm	10.79ac	1028	0	0
2022	Dankbar	108.14ac	1012	44*	0
*Census block is larger than annexed land area				Total	18
				100*	

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the estimated population for the approved annexations and direct staff to provide the population estimates to the State Treasurer per Iowa Code 312.3.
2. Modify the estimated populations and approve the estimated populations for the transmittal to the State Treasurer.
3. Direct staff to provide more information.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

There is little guidance regarding how to evaluate the populations estimates as directed by the State law. Staff proposes to proportionally divide the census populations based upon the number of households annexed within a block. There is only one annexation between 2021 and 2024 where this was an issue, the Hyde/Hunziker Annexation where one home was annexed within the block.

Staff will immediately provide the required population estimates to the State Treasurer for all the completed annexations. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Annexation Map.PNG](#)