

**2005 Potential Annexation Reasoning**

**Feedback from Citizens (2006-2007)**

To provide more reasonable and equitable taxes for all who already benefit from city government, infrastructure and services.	Residents already pay sales taxes for all purchases inside the city, and the majority of the city's budget comes from sales taxes.
To provide services needed by the areas to be annexed – for current residents and for future growth.	All existing uses (residents, businesses) have invested in their own water and wastewater infrastructure.
To abate threats to public health and safety through planning and zoning codes.	Residents don't want to be burdened with building permits and inspections when they build new structures, or with zoning requirements.
City is interested in protecting its economic interests through capturing sales tax on exchanges currently occurring outside the city limits, and on future developments outside the current city limits. (In other words, the city is running out of room for development.)	Residents don't believe city is growing fast enough to warrant annexation of new lands.
City is interested in protecting property values and community aesthetics by requiring orderly, consistent development for both new residential and commercial construction, and for prohibiting certain types of development (for example, gravel pits) on the fringe of the city.	Residents want to continue to be able to use land for ATV riding, for agriculture/livestock/kennels, for burning vegetation, for storing vehicles, etc.
Several properties in the area already connected to city water/sewer.	Other properties in area don't want to be forced to connect.
Provide the resources for extension for utilities and other services into these areas.	Residents already have their own infrastructure and don't want city water/sewer; some prefer well water over city water; some question the capacity of city services.
Further development along Kenai River should be addressed through the Kenai River Overlay District; requiring septic conversion to sewer service along Kenai River protects water quality.	
City police responding to calls outside the city boundaries.	
Ensure proper development along airport's flight paths.	