Enrolled

House Bill 2577

Sponsored by Representative CLEM (Presession filed.)

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AN ACT

Relating to annexations; creating new provisions; amending ORS 222.750; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 222.750 is amended to read:

222.750. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Creek” means a natural course of water that is smaller than, and often tributary to, a river, but is not shallow or intermittent.

(b) “River” means a large, continuous and natural stream of water that is fed along its course by converging tributaries and empties into an ocean, lake or other body of water.

(2) When territory not within a city is surrounded by the corporate boundaries of the city, or by the corporate boundaries of the city and the ocean shore, a river, a creek, a bay, a lake or Interstate Highway 5, the city may annex the territory pursuant to this section after holding at least one public hearing on the subject for which notice has been mailed to each record owner of real property in the territory proposed to be annexed.

(3) This section does not apply when the territory not within a city:

(a) Is surrounded entirely by water; or

(b) Is surrounded as provided in subsection (2) of this section, but a portion of the corporate boundaries of the city that consists only of a public right of way, other than Interstate Highway 5, constitutes more than 25 percent of the perimeter of the territory.

(4) Unless otherwise required by its charter, annexation by a city under this section must be by ordinance or resolution subject to referendum, with or without the consent of any owner of real property within the territory or resident in the territory.

(5) For property that is zoned [for, and in,] to allow residential use as a permitted use in the zone and is in residential use when annexation is initiated by the city under this section, the city shall specify an effective date for the annexation that is at least three years and not more than 10 years after the date the city proclaims the annexation approved. The city recorder or other officer performing the duties of the city recorder shall:

(a) Cause notice of the delayed annexation to be recorded by the county clerk of the county in which any part of the territory subject to delayed annexation is located within 60 days after the city proclaims the annexation approved; and

(b) Notify the county clerk of each county in which any part of the territory subject to delayed annexation is located not sooner than 120 days and not later than 90 days before the annexation takes effect.
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(a) Property that is subject to delayed annexation becomes part of the city immediately upon transfer of ownership.

(b) The record owner of real property described in subsection (5) of this section that is located in the territory to be annexed may waive the delay of the effective date of the annexation provided under subsection (5) of this section. The property becomes part of the city immediately upon the waiver.

(7) This section does not limit provisions of a city charter, ordinance or resolution that are more restrictive than the provisions of this section for creating or annexing territory that is surrounded as described in subsection (2) of this section.

(8) If a city charter, ordinance or resolution requires the city to conduct an election in the city, the city shall allow electors, if any, in the territory proposed to be annexed to vote in the election on the question of annexation. If the governing body of the city finds that a majority of the votes cast in the city and the territory combined favor annexation, the governing body, by ordinance or resolution, shall proclaim the annexation approved. The proclamation shall contain a legal description of each territory annexed.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 222.750 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to annexations initiated on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.