

# **City of Littleton Three Mile Plan**

**(December 2015)**

## **Areas Eligible for Annexation**

### **I. Three Mile Plan.**

The purpose of this document is to satisfy the requirements of Section 31-12-105(1) (e), C.R.S. This statute limits municipal annexations to no more than “three miles in any direction from any point of such municipal boundary in any one year.” Contiguity as required by Section 31-12-104(1)(a), C.R.S. may be achieved by annexing a platted street or alley, a public or private right-of-way, a public or private transportation right-of-way or area, or a lake, reservoir, stream, or other natural or artificial waterway. The three-mile limit may be exceeded if it would divide a property held in identical ownership, if at least 50% of the property is within the three-mile limit. The limit can also be exceeded to annex an enterprise zone.

Section 32-12-105(1)(e), C.R.S., further requires that prior to annexing any property within the three-mile limit, a municipality shall have in place a plan that generally describes the proposed:

Location, character, and extent of streets, subways, bridges, waterways, waterfronts, parkways, playgrounds, squares, parks, aviation fields, other public ways, grounds, open spaces, public utilities, and terminals for water, light, sanitation, transportation, and power to be provided by the municipality; and proposed land uses for the area.

Such plan shall be updated at least once annually.

The Three Mile Plan map is intended to illustrate the existing and potential streets and other transportation ways, public area, public utilities, and transportation facilities. The map is a tool to use in evaluating annexation proposals and their potential impacts, and the ability to provide municipal services to lands proposed for annexation to Littleton. The Littleton city map contains the city limits of Littleton and its environs. Major roadways and surrounding developments are also shown on this map. The unincorporated portions of Arapahoe County, Douglas County and Jefferson County within three miles of the City of Littleton boundary are considered to be legally available for annexation pursuant to Section 31-12-105(1)(e), C.R.S., if otherwise eligible for annexation pursuant to the Municipal Annexation Act of 1965.

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Generally, existing City of Littleton and Arapahoe County, Douglas County and Jefferson County zoning establish and reflect land uses within the City of Littleton and the three-mile limit for annexation by the City.

### **II. Utilities.**

Xcel Energy provides natural gas and electric utilities within Littleton and the three-mile limit for annexations. It is anticipated that adequate supplies and distribution systems for natural gas and electricity are available to serve anticipated development within the three-mile area. CenturyLink and AT&T provide telephone service. Cable television service is provided by Comcast, pursuant to a franchise agreement with the City of Littleton.

### **III. Public Improvements and Services**

Much of the public services, public improvements and public infrastructure within Littleton and the three-mile limit are provided by Littleton, Denver Water, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, numerous special districts, including metropolitan districts, and water and sanitation districts. It is anticipated that in most cases, to the extent that public improvements do not already exist to serve areas annexed to the City, these many special districts, including metropolitan districts, will be the vehicles to construct or acquire the necessary infrastructure and provide the public services.

Significant water and sanitation service providers within the three-mile limit include Denver Water, Southwest Metro Water and Sanitation District, Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District, Ken Caryl Water and Sanitation District, South Arapahoe Sanitation District, Columbine Sanitation District, Centennial Water and Sanitation District, Roxborough Water and Sanitation District, Dominion Water and Sanitation District, Grant Water and Sanitation District, Southgate Water and Sanitation District, City of Englewood and Cherry Hills Village.

Fire protection, emergency medical and ambulance service is provided to the City of Littleton and the area within the three-mile limit by Littleton Fire Rescue, Littleton Fire Protection District, West Metro Fire District, South Metro Fire Rescue Authority, West Douglas County Fire Protection District and Lockheed Martin Aerospace Fire Department.

Park and recreation facilities are provided to the City of Littleton and the area within the three-mile limit by the City of Littleton, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Foothills Parks and Recreation, Jefferson County, Douglas County and Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District.

Library services are provided to the City of Littleton and the area within the three-mile limit by the City of Littleton, Jefferson County Public Library, Douglas County Library and Arapahoe Library District.

IV. Transportation.

Littleton and the area within the three-mile limit are currently and in the future will be served by several significant transportation systems, including major state highways, C-470 and the Regional Transportation District's southwest corridor light-rail line.

Other significant roadway corridors serving the City of Littleton and the area within the three-mile limit include Littleton Blvd., South Santa Fe Drive (U.S. Highway 85), West Mineral Avenue/Ken Caryl Avenue, West Belleview Avenue, South Broadway, County Line Road and South Wadsworth Blvd.

V. Summary.

Throughout the City of Littleton and the area within the three-mile limit for annexation by the City there is a well-developed system of existing streets and other transportation ways, public areas, utilities, public services, infrastructure and improvements, and transportation facilities. Special districts are relied upon to provide many of the public services, infrastructure and improvements, and will be looked to serve newly annexed areas. Generally, it is anticipated that there will be sufficient capability to provide utility and public services, improvements and facilities within the three-mile area. In some cases where the City of Littleton cannot provide all of the direct services, properties in the three-mile area may need to rely on services provided by contracts with special districts and/or jurisdictions.

Attached and incorporated into this plan, to provide additional description of various public improvement and infrastructure systems, are the following:

1. Littleton City Map
2. City of Littleton COMPLAN adopted 1981, revised and updated February 2000, January 2012 and January 2014