



Area of City Impact Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: What is the Area of City Impact?

A: The Area of City Impact (AOCI) is a geographical area where a city is expected to grow into and annex at some future time. Idaho Code requires all cities to define an AOCI with their respective counties. Besides defining the geographic area for future growth, the AOCI also includes an agreement between a city and county about which plans, policies and development standards will apply in the area. The AOCI provides a way for cities, counties, utility providers, transportation providers, and other public entities to plan together for how to handle future growth.

Q: If I own property within the Area of City Impact, what does that mean for me?

A: For most properties, there is no direct impact. The only direct impact on properties within the Area of City Impact are on those properties not yet annexed into the city where new development is proposed. If a property is located in the county, it is still under county jurisdiction. Even within the AOCI, the city has no jurisdiction over property unless it has been annexed. However, if a property in the county and in the AOCI wishes to develop, it must follow the standards agreed upon in the AOCI ordinance. Also, both the existing and proposed AOCI agreements include language stating if a property wishes to develop and is eligible for annexation that it should be annexed into the city.

Q: If my property is in the Area of City Impact, does that mean it is part of the City of Idaho Falls?

A: No. As noted above, the City of Idaho Falls only has jurisdiction over properties which have been annexed. If a property is in the county, only county plans, codes, and ordinances apply. The AOCI simply states that the county plans and standards will be compatible with the city's plans and codes so that when development happens it will be similar to what would happen in the city.

Q: What are the proposed changes to the boundaries?

A: A map showing the current and proposed boundaries can be found by clicking on the Proposed Area of Impact Boundary link on the homepage of the city's website at www.idahofallsidaho.gov.

Q: How can I voice my opinion about the proposal?

A: A public hearing with both City and County Planning and Zoning Commissions will be held on August 16 where any interested person may voice their opinions and concerns.

Testimony may also be submitted via mail or email. Emails should be directed to kbeutler@idahofallsidaho.gov and any mailed comments should be sent to:

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