

# **MUNICIPAL REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES FOLLOWING ANNEXATION**

## **State Municipal Reporting Responsibilities**

There are municipal reporting responsibilities that are determined by State law requiring the municipality to promptly submit certain information after an annexation is approved:

1. The Local Government Article, section § 4-414, Annotated Code of Maryland, requires that municipalities send a copy of the annexation resolution with the new boundaries to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services if an annexation is approved. The copy of the annexation resolution with the new boundaries shall be sent within 10 days after the resolution takes effect to State Department of Legislative Services, Legislative Division, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; and
2. State law requires that upon annexation approval, the chief executive and administrative officer of a municipality that has annexed property forward the annexation resolution and map with the new boundary to the local municipal clerk, Clerk of the Court in the county or counties in which the municipal corporation is located and, for those municipalities in Montgomery and Prince George's County, to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

## **Census Bureau Boundary and Annexation Survey**

To ensure that persons residing on annexed land are counted as part of the municipal population, the U.S. Census Bureau's periodically mails to all municipal corporations a Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS).

Following an annexation, no immediate action is required. The Census Bureau will notify the person who has been identified by the municipality as the contact person by mail and/or e-mail. Municipalities may submit boundary corrections or changes through the Bureau's free Partnership software. In the past the U.S. Census Bureau mailed out the BAS survey on a varying schedule based on the population size of the incorporated town. The mayor or other municipal officials must complete the BAS, update the maps and certify that the boundary shown reflects the legal corporate limits as of January 1 of the survey year. Boundary information must be returned to the Census Bureau by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the survey year to be properly recorded for the Census Bureau's annual population estimates and American Community Survey products. The 2016 BAS will begin in December 2015.

The purpose of the Survey is to obtain the most accurate boundary information, including boundary changes due to annexations, detachments, mergers, or other reasons. These boundary changes are incorporated into the Census Bureau's files and used for tabulating Census data. The BAS information is used to provide an appropriate record for reporting the results of the decennial and economic censuses, and annual surveys such as the Population Estimates Program and the American Community Survey.

Questions regarding the Census Bureau's Boundary and Annexation Survey or assistance in submitting the BAS may be referred to Jane Traynham at the Maryland Department of Planning at 410-767-4394 or [jane.traynham@maryland.gov](mailto:jane.traynham@maryland.gov).

Additional information about the Census Bureau's BAS program is available at the following link <http://www.census.gov/geo/partnerships/bas.html?cssp=SERP>