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Chamblee Accepts Application for Mercer University and Embry Hills Proposed Annexation into City Limits

October 31, 2023 — The City of Chamblee could be expanding soon due to interest expressed by surrounding communities in becoming a part of DeKalb County’s fastest growing city. Mercer University’s Atlanta Campus and surrounding office park, along with the Embry Hills Neighborhood and Belaire Circle could be annexed into the City of Chamblee if approved by Chamblee’s City Council. A Special Called Meeting was held by the City of Chamblee to accept the application and petition for annexation on October 31, 2023.

“I am pleased that council voted unanimously to accept this annexation application,” said Mayor Brian Mock. “The residents of Embry Hills have approached the city numerous times over the past ten years. In the past, we’ve held many town halls and community meetings to discuss the possibilities, but other city-hood movements always popped up and residents waited to see what might happen. I’m glad we have finally reached a point where our neighbors can have the opportunity to join the City of Chamblee. I am also honored to have Mercer as a part of this process. Having a major university within our city will open many doors and opportunities for our community. I look forward to having the Mercer team joining us at the table.”

The proposed annexation would add approximately 3500 people, increasing the City’s population to over 33,500 residents. The City of Chamblee contracted services with Rosetta Stone Communications in October of 2022 to assist with the gathering of petition signatures for the proposed annexation. This annexation process was done using the 60% method, which requires 60% of registered voters and 60% of landowners to sign the petition requesting annexation.

“As a resident of Embury Hills and more than 20-year resident of unincorporated DeKalb, I look forward to our community benefiting from the thoughtful and forward-thinking development I have observed in Chamblee,” said Bill Blumberg, President of the Embury Hills Civic Association.

Following the acceptance of the application and petition, the city will send its annexation requests to DeKalb County outlining its plan to provide services to the proposed area. Notices will also be mailed to addresses within the proposed annexation area. The city will hold a public hearing on the proposed annexation on December 14th and a vote by Chamblee’s City Council to accept the annexation will be held on December 19th. If approved by Chamblee’s City Council, the annexation would be effective January 1, 2024.

“Our new residents will receive the same services that we provide to our current residents,” said Jon Walker, Chamblee’s City Manager. “This annexation will require us to hire additional police officers, sanitation workers, and purchase additional equipment. This area will continue to receive water, sewer, and fire services from the County. We will take care of their roads, sidewalks, sanitation and provide police services.”

Through multiple annexations, Chamblee has grown to more than 7 square miles. The City of Chamblee went through two annexations in 2010 and 2013 after residents voted to join the city. For more information and updates on the annexation process, visit www.chambleega.com

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Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit www.chambleega.gov for more information.