

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-38**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPERTY OWNERS' REQUEST TO FILE A  
PETITION TO ANNEX THEIR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 810 WEST 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO  
THE CITY OF LAUREL, MONTANA.**

WHEREAS, property owners Scott and Amy Slothower submitted the attached letter to the City seeking permission to annex their property into the City of Laurel; and

WHEREAS, the property at issue is located at 810 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street and is less than one city block in size and pursuant to city policy, requires City Council approval of the request to annex before the property owners can file their petition to annex; and

WHEREAS City Staff provided the property owners a copy of the City's Annexation Policy containing the process, terms, and conditions of annexation and the property owners decided it is in their best interest and desire to begin the process of annexation as indicated in their attached letter.

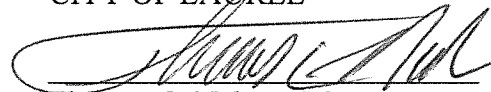
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, that the City Council hereby approves and authorizes Scott and Amy Slothower to file a Petition to annex their property located at 810 West 7th Street pursuant to the City's Annexation Policy and annexation procedures.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on July 14, 2020, by Council Member Sparks.


PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

CITY OF LAUREL

  
Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Bethany Langve, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

  
Sam S. Painter, Civil City Attorney

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

The City of Laurel  
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To the Laurel City Council,

My husband Scott and I purchased our home at 810 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St., in Laurel, about 4 years ago. The house is on both septic and cistern. We started having septic issues about the 2 years ago and have been trying to resolve the issue ever since with many techniques. The latest attempt to salvage the system was on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Heston Schessler with Schesslers Septic (406) 281-0811, came out and tried jetting out the leech field, by forcing water through the lines. Once he dug up the system however, he found that the roots from the nearby trees had encased and matted the legs of the leech field system, which made it impossible to jet it out. Given the size of the backyard and proximity to the existing watering ditch and wells that run along and to the south side of the property line (the side that our leach field is on), he said that replacing the leach field would not be an option.

Since we cannot fix or replace our leach field, our only remaining option would be to tie into the city services. Immediately adjacent to the east of our property, there are two town houses that are in the city limits and on city services. We believe it may be possible to tie into the same lines that are run to the town houses, but we may need to go all the way back to 8<sup>th</sup> street.

We have been in contact with Nick Altonaga and he shared the City's annexation policy packet. Our lot is smaller than one city block, so we are writing to state our wish to be annexed. Please consider allowing our home to be annexed into the city of Laurel.

Sincerely,



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