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30.01. Annexations: Options Required. No land shall be annexed to the city under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, or under any other legislative authority providing for annexation of land on the petition of the owners, unless the owners of such land shall first grant to the school district or the city an option as provided in this chapter, to purchase any desired school park or public ground site located therein.

30.02. Procedure. Whenever a petition for annexation is presented to the council, or the council otherwise becomes aware that a specific tract of land is being considered by the owners for annexation to the city, the planning and zoning commission shall determine by consultation with the board of education of school district no. 4, the board of park commissioners, and the public utility board, whether a desired school, park or public ground site is located within the area proposed to be annexed, and shall report promptly to the council. If such a site is included in full or in part in the proposed land to be annexed, and the council, acting on behalf of the board of education with respect to school sites and on behalf city with respect to park and public ground sites, determines that an option should be obtained to purchase such site, then the council shall negotiate with the owner or owners of the tract of land proposed for annexation for an option to purchase such site at its reasonable market value for a period of five years or such shorter period as the council may desire. Then, prior to annexation of the property, the owner or owners shall be required to file with the city clerk an instrument in writing which, when duly accepted by the council, will give the school district or the city an option to purchase such desired site.

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