



Statutory Standards for Incorporation Petitions

Section 66.0207, Wis. Stats.

Type	Minimum Requirement to Be Met (reviewed by Circuit Court)		
	Area	Resident Population	Population Density
Isolated Village ¹	½ Sq. Mile	150	
Isolated City	1 Sq. Mile	1,000	500 in any 1 Sq. Mile
Metropolitan Village ²	2 Sq. Miles	2,500	500 in any 1 Sq. Mile
Metropolitan City	3 Sq. Miles	5,000	750 in any 1 Sq. Mile
Metropolitan Village Within 10 miles of 1 st Class City, or 5 miles within 2 nd 3 rd or 4 th Class City	4 Sq. Miles	2,500	500 in any 1 Sq. Mile
Metropolitan City Within 10 miles of 1 st Class City, or 5 miles within 2 nd 3 rd or 4 th Class City	6 Sq. Miles	5,000	750 in any 1 Sq. Mile
	Characteristics of Territory 66.0207 (a) (reviewed by Incorporation Review Board)		
Metropolitan Village or City	Entire territory shall be reasonably homogeneous and compact, taking into consideration natural boundaries, natural drainage basin, soil conditions, present and potential transportation facilities, previous political boundaries, boundaries of school district, shopping and social customs.		
Isolated Municipality	Must have a reasonably developed community center, including some or all features such as retail stores, churches, post office, telecommunications exchange and similar centers of community activity		
	Territory beyond the Core 66.0207 (b) (reviewed by Board)		
Isolated City or Village	Territory beyond the most densely populated ½ sq. mile (village) or 1 sq. mile (city) shall have an average of more than 30 housing units per quarter section or an assessed value more than 25% is attributable to existing or potential mercantile, manufacturing or public utility uses.		
Metropolitan City or Village	Must have the potential for residential or other urban land use development on a substantial scale within the next 3 years. Department may waive these requirements to the extent that water, terrain or geography prevents the development.		
	Tax Revenue 66.0207 2(a) (reviewed by Board)		
Both Isolated and Metropolitan City or Village	The territory has the potential tax revenue to support the anticipated cost of governmental services at a tax rate that compares favorably with the tax rate in a similar area for the same level of services.		
	Level of Services 66.0207 2(b) (reviewed by Board) ³		
Both Isolated and Metropolitan City or Village	A comparison of the level of governmental services desired or needed by the residents of the territory compared to the level of services offered by the contiguous village or city that is willing to annex and serve the territory.		
	Impact on Remainder of the Town 66.0207 2(c) (reviewed by Board) ⁴		
Both Isolated and Metropolitan City or Village	The impact, financial and otherwise, on the remaining part of the town from which the territory is to be incorporated.		
	Impact on Metropolitan Community 66.0207(2)(d) (reviewed by Board)		
Metropolitan City or Village	Incorporation of the territory will not make resolving metropolitan problems substantially more difficult.		

¹ 'Isolated municipality' means any existing or proposed village or city entirely outside any metropolitan community at the time of its incorporation.

² 'Metropolitan community' means the territory of any City having a population of 25,000 or more, or any 2 incorporated municipalities whose boundaries are within 5 miles of each other whose populations aggregate to 25,000 persons, plus all the contiguous area which as a population density of 100 persons per square mile, or which the Department has determined on the basis of population trends and other pertinent facts will have a minimum density of 100 persons per square mile within 3 years. 'Metropolitan municipality' means any existing or proposed village or city entirely or partly within a metropolitan community.

³ The 'Level of Services' standard only applies if a contiguous municipality files a resolution expressing a willingness to annex and serve the territory that is petitioned for incorporation.

⁴ The 'Impact on the Remainder of the Town' standard does not apply if the entire Town territory is petitioned for incorporation.