

*Memorandum*

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**Subject:** Ogden Valley Incorporation Feasibility Review

**Introduction**

This review follows the incorporation request for Ogden Valley and determines whether Ogden Valley meets the population, density, and contiguity requirements for incorporation as a city (defined in Utah Code 10-2a-201.5).

**The Utah Population Committee (UPC) analysis indicates that Ogden Valley meets the incorporation requirements.**

**Table 1: Initial Feasibility Requirements for Ogden Valley Incorporation**

Criteria	Meets Criteria?	Requirement by Statute	Ogden Valley Details
Population	Yes	To incorporate as a city, the population must be at least 1,000.	July 1, 2022 Population Estimate: 7,274
Population Density	Yes	Density must be seven people per square mile or higher	July 1, 2022 Population Density Estimate: 94.9 persons per square mile
Contiguity	Yes	Area is contiguous, does not have a strip of land connecting geographically separate areas	The proposed boundary covers a contiguous area

Population data source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census

Note: Requirements are summarized; Full statutory requirements are delineated in Utah Code 10-2a-201.5.

**Table 2: Ogden Valley Population**

Date	Value Type	Population
April 1, 2020	Census Population*	6,593
July 1, 2020	UPC Population Estimate	6,631
July 1, 2021	UPC Population Estimate	6,943
July 1, 2022	UPC Population Estimate	7,274

\*The 2020 Census population is aggregated from full and partial Census Blocks. See "Geographic Notes" below

**Methodology**

*Housing Unit Method*

The UPC uses the housing unit method of estimation to determine the population of places seeking to incorporate. The first step approximates the 2020 Census population by aggregating the total population of Census blocks within the proposed boundary (see Geographic Notes for more information). From this starting population, annual growth is assumed to be tied to growth in new housing units. Building permit data are

sourced from the Construction Monitor Database then geocoded and filtered down to those within the incorporation boundary. Single family housing units are assumed to be completed and moved into six months after permitting. Each newly constructed housing unit is multiplied by persons per occupied housing unit at the county level to determine household population growth.

#### *Geographic Notes*

Calculating the 2020 Census population for any new community requires aggregation the population of Census blocks that fall within the boundary. For Ogden valley, a total of 114 blocks are completely within the boundary and 36 are partially within the boundary. The population in each partial block was adjusted using the ratio of housing units that fall within the boundary compared to those outside the boundary. Housing unit data come from UGRC's master address point layer.