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ANNEXATION - SOUTH CAROLINA

National Trust for Historic Preservation in United States v. City of North Charleston

Supreme Court of South Carolina - January 21, 2026 - S.E.2d - 2026 WL 158078

City and landowner brought action challenging neighboring city's attempted annexation of one-acre parcel that was 100 feet from highway and that was accessible only by passing through landowner's narrow strip of land that was within city limits of city.

The Circuit Court granted motion to dismiss for lack of standing and determined in the alternative that neighboring city failed to properly annex parcel. Parties cross-appealed.

The Court of Appeals affirmed. City and landowner filed petitions for writ of certiorari, which were granted.

The Supreme Court held that:

- City had standing;
- Landowner had standing; and
- Statutory criteria of "adjacent" parcel for annexation by resolution was not met.

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