

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 171, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT ACT, INITIATING THE PROCESS PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE ISSUES MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH THEREIN; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERETWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 171, Florida Statutes, entitled the "Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement Act" (Act) provides an alternative to Part I of said Chapter for local governments regarding the annexation of territory into a municipality and the subtraction of territory from the unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Act further intends to establish a more flexible process for adjusting municipal boundaries and to address a wider range of the effects of annexations; and

WHEREAS, the overriding goal of the process set forth within the Act is to promote sensible boundaries that reduce the cost of local government and increase the level of service of residents within the boundary of unincorporated St. Lucie County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Pierce pursuant to an interlocal service boundary agreement with the County of St. Lucie wishes to fill in its municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce to initiate discussions with St. Lucie County regarding the development of an interlocal service boundary agreement for lands shown in Exhibit "A" to address the above-referenced concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of Fort Pierce, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. That the City of Fort Pierce hereby invites St. Lucie County to enter into negotiations under the act to address issues concerning planning and annexation for the areas identified in Exhibit "A".

Section 2. That the City of Fort Pierce hereby identifies the issues to be negotiated as follows:

- A. The process, definitions, schedule, and criteria for voluntary and referendum annexations in the municipal service area in replacement or modification of the requirements of Chapter 171, Part I, Florida Statutes.
- B. The establishment of one or more municipal services areas, as defined in Section 171.202(11)(a), Florida Statutes which the City anticipates will include area as shown in Exhibit "A".
- C. The establishment of a process for land use decisions consistent with Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, for lands in the municipal service area(s).
- D. The incorporation of mutually agreed upon extraterritorial powers to be exercised by the City within unincorporated areas as shown in Exhibit "A". These powers may be in addition to other municipal powers otherwise held by the City.

Section 3. All conflicting policies are superseded by this policy.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted this 6th day of February 2023.

LINDA HUDSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA W. COX, CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

TANYA M. EARLEY, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

Exhibit "A"

