

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-038**

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, TO INCLUDE TWO (2) LOTS AT OR NEAR **5501 ORANGE AVENUE AND 5513 ORANGE AVENUE** IN FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER TO ASSESS SAID PROPERTY AND PLACE IT ON THE CITY TAX ROLLS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024; DIRECTING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT TAXES ON THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; CERTIFYING PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Part I, Chapter 171, Florida Statutes, sets forth a procedure for Municipal Annexation; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter 171.044 F.S., the owner or owners of real property in an unincorporated area of a county which is contiguous to a municipality and reasonably compact may apply to the governing body of said municipality to have said property be annexed to the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the owners have submitted an application petitioning the property to be annexed to the municipality of the City of Fort Pierce through a Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Annexation Agreement, as depicted on Exhibit "**B**"; and

**WHEREAS**, the application bears the signature(s) of current and/or former owner(s) of property in the area proposed to be annexed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grantor identified in each Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Annexation Agreement represents themselves, their heirs, successors, and assigns in regard to the subject property and also waives any and all objection to annexation of the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Pierce Planning Board, at their May 25, 2023 special meeting, voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of the request; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Policy Section 4.1.1 of the Joint Planning Agreement between the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County, the City Planning Department has provided notice of this annexation by mail to the St. Lucie County Administrator's Office prior to the first reading of this annexation by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter 171.044(6) of the Florida Statutes, the City Planning Department has provided notice of this annexation, via certified mail, to the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners by 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 no fewer than ten (10) days prior to publishing or posting the ordinance notice; and

**SECTION 1.** The territorial limits of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, are hereby extended, as depicted, together with legal description on **Exhibit "A,"** attached hereto and incorporated herein; and annexed into the City.

**SECTION 2.** That the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser and the St. Lucie County Tax Collector are directed to place upon and add to the assessment roll, and to collect taxes on the land described in **Exhibit "A"** hereof as of January 1, 2024, and subsequent years, and to enter the same at such valuation that it will bear an equal and just proportion of taxes as of that date and subsequent years.

**SECTION 3.** That in accordance with Chapter 171.044(3), this ordinance shall be filed with clerk of the circuit court, the chief administrative officer of St. Lucie County, and the Department of State within seven (7) days after adoption.

**SECTION 4.** That in accordance with Chapter 171.091, any change in the City boundaries through annexation shall revise the charter boundary article and shall be filed as a revision of the charter with the Department of State within thirty (30) days; and a copy of such revision shall be submitted to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research along with a statement specifying the population census effect and the affected land area.

**SECTION 5.** All ordinances or parts thereof that may be determined to be in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.** The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance, which shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

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Tanya M. Earley, Esq.  
City Attorney

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Mayor Commissioner and the City Clerk of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing and above Ordinance No. 23-038 was duly advertised by title only in the St. Lucie News Tribune on May 28, 2023 and June 4, 2023; copy of said Ordinance was made available at the Office of the City Clerk to the public upon request; said Ordinance was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on first reading by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, on June 5, 2023; and was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on second and final reading on June 20, 2023, by the City Commission of Pierce, Florida.

IN WITNESS HEREWITH, we hereunto set our hands and affix the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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Linda Hudson, Mayor

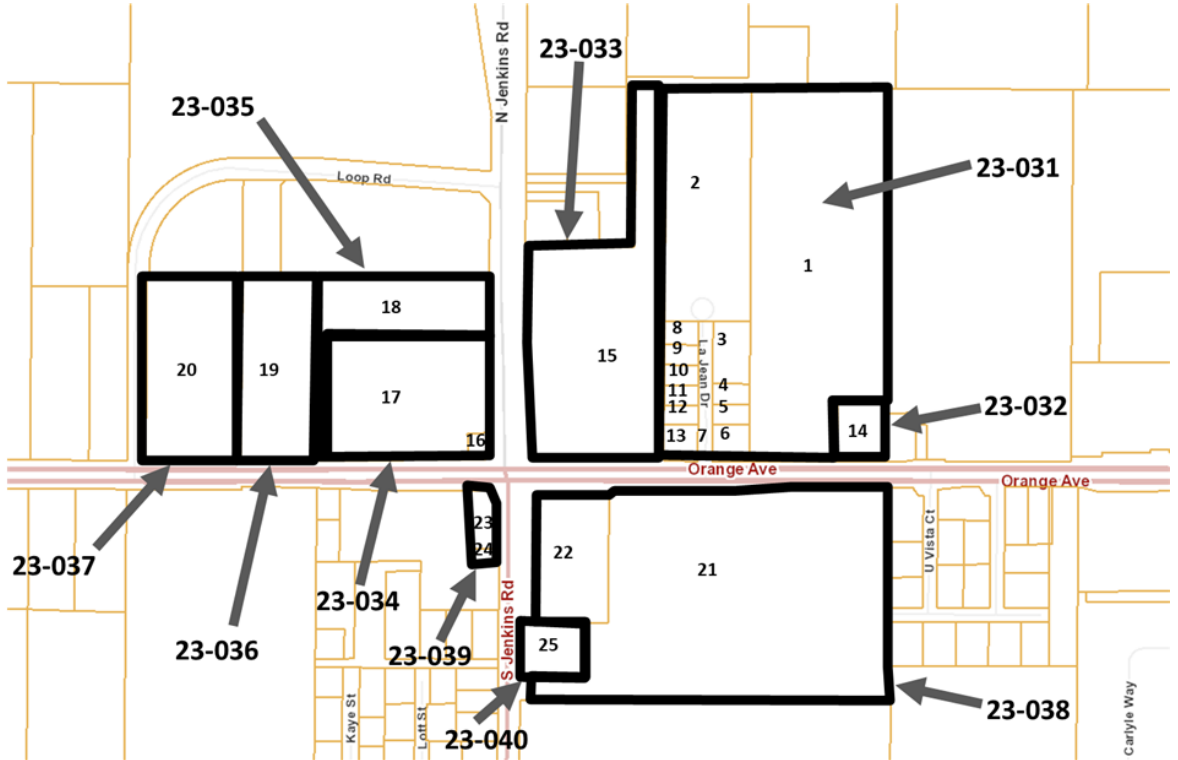
ATTEST:

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Linda W. Cox  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**TERRITORIAL LIMITS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION**



Ref	Parcel ID	Legal Description
21	2407-701-0001-000-4	5501 WEST ORANGE CROSSING (PB 112-39) LOT 1 (17.09 AC - 744,440 SF)
22	2407-701-0002-000-1	5501 WEST ORANGE CROSSING (PB 112-39) LOT 2 (2.55 AC - 111,078 SF)