



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor and City Commission
FROM: City Attorney
SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 0-02-09

DATE: ~~February 25, 2002~~ March 11, 2002
~~FIRST READING~~
SECOND READING

An Ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, annexing a portion of the City of Gainesville Reserve Area Pursuant to Chapter 90-496, as amended, by Special Acts, Laws of Florida, known as the Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act; making certain findings; including within the corporate limits of the City of Gainesville, Florida, that certain compact and contiguous area generally north of NW 23rd Avenue, east of NW 51st Street, south of NW 39th Avenue and west of the city limits in the vicinity of NW 43rd Street; providing for inclusion of the area in Appendix I of the City Charter; providing for a referendum election; providing directions to the City Manager and Clerk of the Commission; providing ballot language; providing for land use plan and zoning regulations; providing for enforcement of Alachua County land use plan, zoning and subdivision regulations; providing for persons engaged in any occupation, business, trade or profession; providing a severability clause; and providing effective dates.

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

The adoption of an annexation ordinance is the final stage in the annexation process under the provisions of the Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act. On Monday, October 8, 2001, at a regular city commission meeting, the City Commission authorized the City Manager and Attorney to commence the annexation process. On January 28, 2002 and February 11, 2002, the City Commission held advertised public hearings and adopted the Urban Services Report as mandated by the Boundary Adjustment Act. A copy of the Report has been delivered to the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

The annexation ordinance proposes to annex a contiguous, compact, unincorporated portion of the reserve area. The Boundary Adjustment Act requires the ordinance to be adopted as a nonemergency ordinance and to include one reasonably compact area. The ordinance will be submitted to a vote of the registered electors for their approval in a mail ballot election conducted on Tuesday, June 25, 2002.

In the Ordinance the City Commission makes certain findings of fact related to the area proposed for annexation. The area must meet certain standards as required by the Boundary Adjustment Act. In this regard, your attention is drawn to Section 1 of this Ordinance and the presentation by the City Manager. The annexation is effective at 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2002 unless there is a tie vote or majority vote against the annexation.

Sections 7 and 8 of the Ordinance relate to special matters which may be of interest to the owners and residents and those persons engaged in any business or occupation. The Alachua County land use plan and zoning or subdivision regulations will remain in effect until the City adopts a comprehensive plan amendment that includes the annexed area, and rezones the property to a city zoning category. During the interim period, the City may rezone the property in the annexed area to an Alachua County Zoning classification/category that conforms with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Chapter 163, F.S. Those persons engaged in any occupation, business, trade or profession in the area proposed for annexation will have the right to continue their occupations, businesses, trades or professions and shall obtain an occupational license from the City of Gainesville for the term commencing on October 1, 2002.

Prepared and
Submitted by:



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PASSED ON FIRST READING BY A VOTE OF 5-0.