

Strategic Planning Division

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# Proposed Modifications to the Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Background of Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act

- Applies only to Alachua County
- Enacted in 1990 after the failure of a Countywide referendum to consolidate City and County government
- Has been updated twice – 1991 & 1993
- Major difference between Chapter 171, F.S. and BAA – designation of Reserve Areas

- **March 6<sup>th</sup>** – each municipality presents position on BAA; Commission/Chair Long creates Task Force
  - Jean Calderwood (Chair/City of Alachua)
  - John Glanzer (Newberry)
  - Jim Gabriel (High Springs)
  - Craig Lowe (Gainesville)
  - Kit Randall (Hawthorne)
- **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – CVPC Task Force meets to discuss:
  - Annexation Procedures
  - Enclaves
  - Urban Reserve v. service Agreements
  - Who serves as Arbitrator
  - Development of BAA Pros/Cons List
- **April 24<sup>th</sup>** – Task Force Meeting
- **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Task Force Recommendations to CVPC



# BAA vs. Chapter 171, F.S.

Chapter 171 - Local Government Boundaries Part I MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION OR CONTRACTION (s.s. 171.011 - 171.094)	CHAPTER 225. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT*
	*Cross references: Utilities, tit. 4; land development code tit. 31 et seq.; comprehensive plan, ch. 321.
<b>171.011 Short title.</b>	<b>Sec. 225.01 Short title.</b>
This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the " <b>Municipal Annexation or Contraction Act.</b> "	This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the " <b>Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act.</b> "
<b>History.</b> --s. 1, ch. 74-190.	(Laws of Fla., ch. 90-496, § 2)
<b>171.021 Purpose.</b>	<b>Sec. 225.02 Purpose.</b>
The purposes of this act are to set forth procedures for adjusting the boundaries of municipalities through annexations or contractions of corporate limits and to set forth criteria for determining when annexations or contractions may take place so as to:	The purposes of this act are to set forth procedures for <b>establishing municipal reserve areas</b> and for adjusting the boundaries of municipalities through annexations or contractions of corporate limits and to set forth criteria for determining when annexat
(1) Ensure sound urban development and accommodation to growth.	(1) Ensure sound urban development and accommodation to growth.
(3) Ensure the efficient provision of urban services to areas that become urban in character.	(2) Ensure the efficient provision of urban services to areas that become urban in character.
(4) Ensure that areas are not annexed unless municipal services can be provided to those areas.	(3) Ensure that areas are not annexed unless municipal services can be provided to those areas.
	(4) Promote cooperation between municipalities and Alachua County regarding the provision of services and the regulation of urban areas at the boundaries of municipalities.
	(5) Assure that the procedures relating to annexation protect all parties affected.
	(6) Encourage development in designated reserve areas that efficiently utilize services and prevent urban sprawl.
(2) Establish uniform legislative standards throughout the state for the adjustment of municipal boundaries.	
<b>History.</b> --s. 1, ch. 74-190.	(Laws of Fla., ch. 90-496, § 2)
<b>171.022 Preemption; effect on special laws.</b>	<b>Sec. 225.03 Supplemental; effect of other laws.</b>
(1) It is further the purpose of this act to provide viable and usable general law standards and procedures for adjusting the boundaries of municipalities in this state.	The provisions of this act are supplemental and in addition to any general or special law relating to municipal annexations or contraction. However when the reserve area designations and statements of a municipality become effective, this act shall be th

# Recommended major modifications to B.A.A.

## Section 7 Update of Reserve Areas

Modify procedures for updating of URAs

## Section 10 Voluntary Annexations

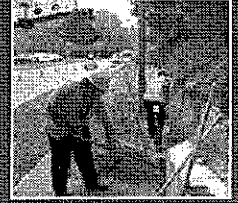
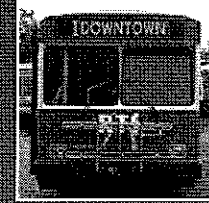
Delete the requirement for an Urban Services Report

## Section 12 Annexation of Enclaves

State law allows for the annexation of enclaves by interlocal agreement when those enclaves are 10 acres or less; recommending procedures for those areas greater than 10 acres

## Other Recommendations

For those sections that are contained in both the BAA and Chapter 171, F.S., change BAA language to mirror F.S. as much as possible



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### **..Recommendation**

The City Commission: 1) hear a report from staff on possible changes to the BAA, and 2) discuss any other possible changes to the BAA, and 3) approve the Commission's position on possible recommended changes to the BAA that can be conveyed to the CVPC Task Force.