



CITY OF ARCHER

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Pegeen Hanrahan, Mayor
City of Gainesville
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City Manager
J. Douglas Drymon

Dear Mayor Hanrahan:

The Archer City Commission respectfully requests that the Gainesville City Commission amend the motion which was adopted on February 27, 2006, approving the connection of a sewer force main extending from the City of Archer to the Gainesville Regional Utility (GRU) system which is located in the Kanapaha area. The Archer City Commission fully understands the concern of their colleagues on the Gainesville City Commission who feel that the extension of a sewer force main along State Road 24 (Archer Road) could, under certain circumstances, encourage undesirable development in an area that is presently occupied by agricultural and low-density residential uses. The Archer City Commission, in turn, is concerned that if the wastewater treatment capacity stipulated in item 7 of the adopted motion is found to be insufficient to meet the needs of the City of Archer, our requests for additional capacity could be refused on grounds unrelated to normal utility-related criteria (engineering, environmental regulatory requirements, financial viability, etc.).

To help resolve these different but related concerns, the Archer City Commission is willing to restrict the provision of wastewater service to the area indicated on the attached map (which encompasses recent annexations), with the understanding that changes to the boundaries of this area will be made in a manner and in a time frame agreed to by both parties. In return, the Archer City Commission requests that the language of the adopted February 27, 2006 motion be amended to stipulate that requests for additional wastewater treatment capacity submitted by the City of Archer be considered in the same manner as other similar requests received from utility customers served by Gainesville Regional Utilities.

We ask that this request be placed before the Gainesville City Commission for consideration and approval at the earliest opportunity. While the Archer City Commission is anxious to see the Archer sewer system project move forward as quickly as possible, the Commission believes that resolution of the above discussed matters must occur before any further action can be taken.

Sincerely,

J. Douglas Drymon
City Manager

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