

Interlocal Agreement to Maintain and Amend Urban Reserve Areas

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Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act (BAA)

- A special act of the Florida Legislature which governed annexation in Alachua County.
- Preempted other laws, specifically the Municipal Annexation or Contraction Act (Fla. Stat. §171).

CHAPTER 90-496
Revised House Bill No. 3795
Revised House Bill No. 1503
Revised Senate Bill No. 2376

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act."

Section 2. Purpose.

The purposes of this act are to set forth procedures for establishing municipal reserve areas and 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:

- (1) Ensure sound urban development and accommodation to growth.
- (2) Ensure the efficient provision of urban services to areas that become urban in character.
- (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...

Background

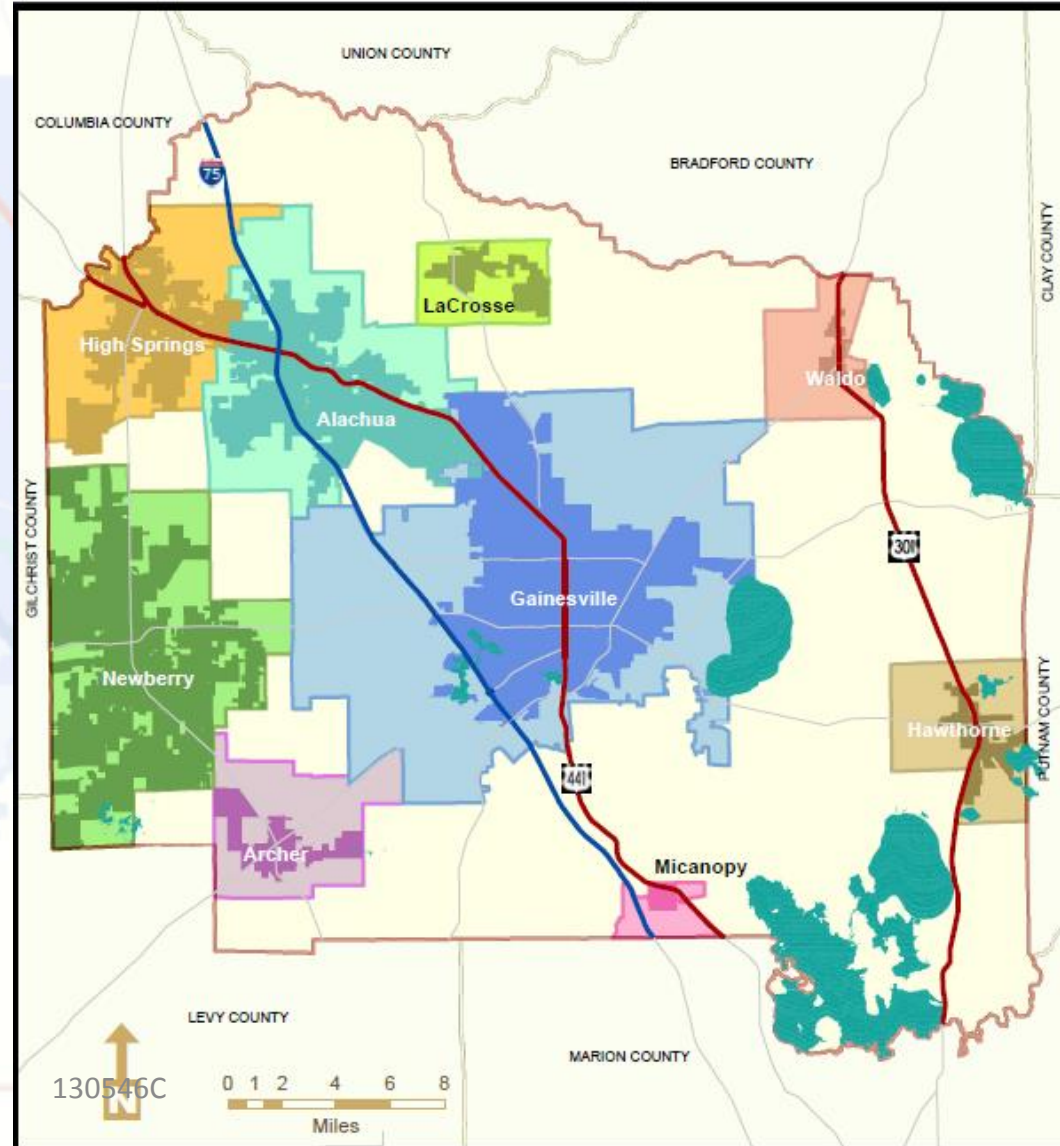
- During the 2015 Legislative Session, the BAA was repealed.
- The effective date of the repeal is February 29, 2016.
- The municipalities in Alachua County have been in negotiations to develop an agreement to retain the urban reserve areas in anticipation of a repeal of the BAA.

Impact of the Repeal of the BAA

- Each City will adhere to the procedures set forth in the Municipal Annexation or Contraction Act (Fla. Stat. §171) for annexation.
- The urban reserve areas, established under the BAA will be dissolved, absent an agreement to maintain them.

Urban Reserve Areas

- Reserve areas identify where each municipality may annex.
- Promotes long-term planning and inter-local collaboration.



Interlocal Agreement



- The purpose of the interlocal agreement is to promote long-term planning for municipal annexations within Alachua County by establishing a procedure to designate urban reserve areas for each municipality.
- The interlocal agreement designates where municipal annexations within Alachua County can occur.

The Interlocal Agreement:

- establishes urban reserve areas
- establishes the Urban Reserve Review Board
- sets procedures for Board
- sets procedures to petition for amendment
- sets procedures to appeal a decision of the Urban Reserve Review Board, and
- establishes criteria for urban reserve areas.

Recommendation

- 1) receive a presentation from and staff,
- 2) discuss the City's position on the proposed Interlocal Agreement, and
- 3) authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement and distribute it to the other municipalities.