



City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: April 6, 2023

RE: **CONSIDERATION: EXTENSION OF ANNEXATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Introduction:

Resolution Number 18-27 established the City's annexation incentive program, through which the City could waive application fees associated with voluntary annexations through April 30, 2019. The resolution provided the City Commission the opportunity to extend the resolution for one-year periods if the Commission approved the extension prior to the approved expiration date.

The City Commission has annually extended this program for the past four years: on March 21, 2019; April 2, 2020; April 1, 2021 and April 21, 2022. As the program once again draws toward the expiration date set by the City Commission, this item is presented for official action by the City Commission. If approved, this extension will continue the program until April 30, 2024.

Background:

Performance of the program to date has resulted in the annexation of 60 properties with a total addition to the municipal boundaries of approximately 607 acres. It is estimated that the applicants over the life of this program have saved \$35,525 in annexation fees with the City. The annexation fee of general residential lots is \$675. All other properties are charged \$1,000 for the annexation fees.

It cannot be determined, with accuracy, that the incentive program has increased the number of annexations over annexation requests that may have been submitted without the program.

The general intent of the program continues to encourage enclave and infill parcels to annex into the City with the additional benefit of encouraging the City to grow responsibly by reducing confusion and duplication of services and inconsistency of regulation.

Results by applicable year:

Y1: 2017-2018 Results:

- 4 Properties Annexed
- 10.89 acres

Y3: 2019-2020 Results:

- 10 Properties Annexed
- 122.62 acres

Y2: 2018-2019 Results:

- 14 Properties Annexed
- 123.59 acres

Y2: 2020 -2021 Results:

- 18 Properties Annexed
- 258.56 acres

Y4: 2021-2022 Results:

- 10 Properties Annexed
- 50.59 acres

Y5: 2022-2023 Results:

- 4 Properties Annexed
- 40.07 acres

Combined Results to Date

- 60 properties

606.65 +/- acres

Recommended Action:

Consensus by the City Commission to continue the annexation incentive program for another year until April 30, 2024.

Budget/Staff Impact:

The future budget impact would be determined by the number of properties annexed and future development plans for said properties. To date, annual increase in ad valorem taxes to the City have exceeded the amount of hard costs (one time) expended / absorbed including time and expense for staff administration of the annexation process.

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Attachments:

Resolution Number 18-27