

Resolution (Approving the Boundary Agreement Amendment)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO APPENDIX A OF THE WATER AND SEWER MANAGEMENT, PLANNING AND BOUNDARY AGREEMENT (WASMPBA) TO DESIGNATE 360.23 ACRES IN THE SOUTHEAST CHAPEL HILL AREA AS "OWASA PRIMARY SERVICE AREA" (2023-11-15/R-5)

WHEREAS, in 2001, Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, Orange County, and the Orange County Water and Sewer Authority ("OWASA") adopted a Water and Sewer Management, Planning and Boundary Agreement ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement was last amended on November 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill-Carrboro submitted a petition to the Town of Chapel Hill on June 14, 2023, requesting that the Town extend the water and sewer boundary along the US 15-501 South corridor to the Chatham County line; and

WHEREAS, the petition notes that the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area is experiencing significant pressure on the housing supply which is causing prices of housing to increase by up to 20 percent per year; and

WHEREAS, the petition also notes that approximately 43,000 workers commute into Chapel Hill daily; and

WHEREAS, OWASA's Primary Service Area (Urban Services Area) is where water and/or sewer service is now provided or might reasonably be provided in the future; and

WHEREAS, expanding the Primary Service Area to the Chatham County line will enable opportunities to expand housing diversity and bring more housing adjacent to a potential transit corridor; and

WHEREAS, the 139 lots or portions of lots of Proposed New Service Area as shown on the map attached hereto, constituting a total area of approximately 360.23 acres, has been reviewed by OWASA and is technically feasible for provision of both water and sewer service; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that this proposed service expansion aligns with our Climate Action plan and our goals of increasing middle housing (including but not limited to townhomes, triplexes, quadplexes, cottage courts) along with multi-modal infrastructure in this area, we request that our staff bring back additional steps or strategies the Town Council needs to take to guide growth in this area and achieve these results; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Agreement require the approval of all signatories to the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council approves amending Appendix A of the Agreement to designate approximately 360.23 acres in the southeast Chapel Hill area as an addition to the "OWASA Primary Service Area", as shown on the map attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby requests that the governing boards of the Town of Carrboro, the Town of Hillsborough, Orange County, and OWASA consider approval of the amendment.

This the 15th day of November 2023.