

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 121**

### **CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS A RESPONDING RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 171.203(2), FLORIDA STATUTES; RESPONDING TO THE INITIATING RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR PURPOSES OF THE NEGOTIATION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART II OF CHAPTER 171, FLORIDA STATUTES; AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS; RESPONDING TO THE PROPOSED ISSUES AND PROPOSED GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT; PROPOSING ADDITIONAL MATTERS FOR NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION DIRECTED TO THE COUNTY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Part II, Chapter 171, Florida Statutes, Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement Act (Act), provides an alternative to Part I of Chapter 171 for local governments regarding the annexation of territory into a municipality and the subtraction of the territory from the unincorporated area of a county; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated intent of the Act is to promote sensible boundaries that reduce the costs of local governments, avoid duplicating local services, and increase political transparency and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated intent of the Act is to prevent inefficient service delivery and insufficient tax base to support the delivery of those services; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 21, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida (the “BOCC” or the “County”) adopted Resolution 2025R-32 (the “Initiating Resolution”) inviting the City of Lake City, Florida (the “City”) to participate in discussions for negotiation of an interlocal service boundary agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Lake City accepts the opportunity to engage in these discussions, consult with all affected jurisdictions, and proffers this responsive resolution; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida:

1. **Acceptance of invitation.** The City hereby accepts the invitation of the BOCC set forth in the Initiating Resolution to engage in negotiations with the County for an interlocal service boundary agreement in accordance with Part II, Chapter 171, Florida Statutes.
2. **Terms.** The City hereby responds to the issues described in the Initiating Resolution and

suggested for negotiation with the City:

- a. **County Issue #1:** The process, definitions, schedule, and criteria for annexations consistent with Section 171.205, Florida Statutes.

**City Response:** The City agrees to discuss the incorporation of a process and schedule for annexations within a designated municipal service area in accordance with Section 171.203, Florida Statutes, and describe the prerequisites for annexation in accordance with Section 171.204, Florida Statutes.

- b. **County Issue #2:** The establishment of municipal services areas, as defined in Section 171.202(11)(a), Florida Statutes, for which the City may plan and annex, which consists of one or more areas within the area delineated in Exhibit A to the Initiating Resolution.

**City Response:** The City agrees to discuss the establishment of one or more municipal service areas within the area delineated in Exhibit A to the Initiating Resolution.

- c. **County Issue #3:** The establishment of a process for land use decisions consistent with Part II, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, for lands in the municipal service area. Such land use decisions shall include preparation and adoption of comprehensive plans, plan amendments, and issuance of development orders.

**City Response:** The City agrees to discuss the establishment of a process for land use decisions for lands within the area delineated in Exhibit A to the Initiating Resolution.

- d. **County Issue #4:** The incorporation of mutually agreed upon extraterritorial powers to be exercised by the City within unincorporated areas as shown in Exhibit A to the Initiating Resolution or any municipal service areas otherwise identified during negotiations. These powers may be in addition to other municipal powers that otherwise exist in the City.

**City Response:** The City agrees to discuss the delegation of extraterritorial powers to the City for the area located within one or more municipal service areas as negotiated and defined during the **ISBA** process, so long as those delegated powers are consistent with Section 171.208, Florida Statutes.

- e. **County Issue #5:** The incorporation of mutually agreed upon decisions regarding service delivery such as police and fire protection and utilities within the planning and annexation boundary area set forth in Exhibit A to the Initiating Resolution.

**City Response:** The City agrees to discuss delivery of services to the area delineated in Exhibit A to the Initiating Resolution, which services may include, but not be limited to police services, fire services, and certain utilities.

3. **Additional Terms for Negotiation.** The City hereby proposed the following additional matters for negotiation with the County:

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- a. **City Issue #1:** The process and criteria for transfer of roads and other infrastructure from the County to the City for purposes of maintenance, construction, and permitting of lands within the planning and annexation boundary area set forth in Exhibit A to the Initiating Resolution.
  - b. **City Issue #2:** Identification of the jurisdiction (County or City) having permitting authority for permitting of proposed development within the planning and annexation boundary area set forth in Exhibit A to the Initiating Resolution.
4. **Interpretation; Direction to City Manager.** This resolution shall not be construed to bind the City to approve an interlocal service boundary agreement or to include any terms suggested by the County in the Initiating Resolution. Pursuant to Section 171.203(4), Florida Statutes, the City Manager or his designee is directed to initiate discussions with the County for purposes of the negotiation of a proposed agreement within sixty (60) days after receipt of this resolution by the County.
  5. **Notification of County.** The City Manager shall send this resolution to the County Manager of the County by United States certified mail within seven (7) days after the adoption of this resolution in accordance with Section 171.203(2)(a), Florida Statutes.
  6. **Effective date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, at a regular meeting, this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2025.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY,  
FLORIDA

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Noah E. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

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Audrey Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Clay Martin, City Attorney