

Handout B: Intergovernmental Coordination (IGC)

IGC Framework: JPA vs. MSA Comparison Table

Criteria	Joint Planning Area (JPA)	Municipal Service Area (MSA)
Primary Purpose	Coordinate land use, annexation, and infrastructure.	Define utility service areas (water/sewer) without annexation.
Legal Basis	F.S. §163.3177(6)(h) + Interlocal Agreement.	Optional, via Utility Master Plan.
Best Use in Levy	High-growth cities (Chiefland, Williston, Bronson).	Technical utility expansion (Chiefland sewer).
Flexibility	Planning-led: Supports rural protection and smart growth.	Utility-led: Focuses strictly on pipes and capacity.
Coordination	High: Joint decisions between City and County.	Medium: Clarifies where utilities go.
Recommendation	Use as Primary Tool for 2050 Plan.	Use as a supplemental overlay for infrastructure.