Meeting Agenda Item Coversheet

MEETING DATE:	November 10, 2026	Submitted By: Howard W. Brown, Jr., ICMA-CM City Manager
SUBJECT:	First Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-12 Continuation of Palm Beach County Fire/Rescue MSTU Participation	
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: **(**MOTION READY)	Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-___ on first reading and schedule second and final reading for December 1, 2026, subject to confirmation by the City Clerk and completion of required notice. Direct staff and the City Attorney to resolve the outstanding issues described below before final adoption.	
SUMMARY *and/or* JUSTIFICATION:	The City Council is asked to consider on first reading the County-prepared ordinance extending Westlake's consent to inclusion within the Palm Beach County Fire/Rescue Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU). Ordinance No. 2016-04 provides consent through December 31, 2026, with continued inclusion through 7:30 a.m. on October 1, 2027, to provide services funded by the final tax year. The proposed ordinance extends consent through December 31, 2036, beginning with tax year 2027, and provides for related services from October 1, 2027, through 7:30 a.m. on October 1, 2037. Services include fire protection, fire-rescue, advanced life support, fire code enforcement, and related services. Early repeal requires March 1 notice for termination effective December 31, with service continuation through the following October 1 at 7:30 a.m.	

	AGREEMENT:		**BUDGET:**	
	STAFF REPORT:		**PROCLAMATION:**	
	EXHIBIT(S):		**OTHER:**	X
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Proposed MSTU continuation ordinance dated September 10, 2026. 2. Existing Ordinance No. 2016-04.			
	RESOLUTION:		**ORDINANCE:**	X
ORDINANCE TITLE:	**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12** **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY'S CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF THE ENTIRE TERRITORY WITHIN THE CITY OF WESTLAKE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES INTO PALM BEACH COUNTY'S FIRE/RESCUE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FIRE-RESCUE, FIRE PROTECTION, ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY SERVICES), FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY AND INCIDENTAL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR INTENT, PURPOSE AND CONSENT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND DURATION OF CONSENT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVENESS OF REPEAL; ACKNOWLEDGING AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE LIMITATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.**			

FISCAL IMPACT *(if any):*	Continues MSTU ad valorem funding. No fixed City payment is established by this ordinance. The draft acknowledges a combined municipal/MSTU ten-mill limitation. Future tax impact depends on taxable values and adopted millage. Separate fees and potential transition costs remain under review.	TBD