

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2010

SUBJECT: **Request to Approve Amendments to the Water and Sewer Management, Planning, and Boundary Agreement**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Water & Sewer Boundary Agreement B. Resolution C. Water & Sewer Agreement Text and Map Amendment D. Town of Hillsborough Text and Map Amendment E. Additional Info Regarding the Bowman Road Area	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Williford, AICP 918-7325 Perdita Holtz, AICP 245-2578

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to provide the Board of Aldermen with a resolution authorizing changes proposed by the Town of Hillsborough and Orange County to the Water and Sewer Management, Planning, and Boundary Agreement text and map.

INFORMATION

The Water and Sewer Management, Planning, and Boundary Agreement (WASMPBA) is an agreement signed in 2001 between Orange County, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA), and the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough. The agreement (included as Attachment A) provides a comprehensive county-wide system of utility service areas upon which signatory entities could rely when making decisions related to issues such as planning, land use, annexation, zoning, and growth management. In order to implement adopted plans, the staffs of Orange County and Hillsborough are proposing changes to the Agreement. Proposed changes were presented for discussion at the March 25, 2010 Assembly of Governments meeting. Attachment C contains the proposed amendments to the agreement's text and map (Appendix A of the Agreement).

The Town of Hillsborough and Orange County are proposing changes to further implement the Hillsborough-Orange County Strategic Growth Plan. The proposed changes will:

- Create a category of "Hillsborough Long-Term Interest Area"
- Change approximately 12,869 acres from Hillsborough Primary Service Area to Hillsborough Long-Term Interest Area (i.e., remove acreage from potential water and sewer service areas)
- Change approximately 240 acres from Orange County Long-Term Interest Area to Hillsborough Primary Service Area (i.e., add acreage to potential water and sewer service areas)

Attachment C contains the proposed amendments to the Agreement's text and map (Appendix A of the Agreement). The maps in Attachment D depict the proposed changes in and around the Town of Hillsborough at a more readable scale.

Orange County is proposing changes in the west-central portion of the County to further implement the adopted Efland-Mebane Small Area Plan. The proposed changes will:

- Change approximately 1,941 acres (includes Interstate right-of-way) from Orange County Long Term Interest Area to Orange County Primary Service Area (i.e., add acreage to potential water and sewer service areas). As a result of discussion at the AOG meeting, additional information from the Orange County Planning Staff on the Bowman Road Area south of the city of Mebane is provided in Attachment E.
- Change approximately 100 acres from Orange County Primary Service area to Orange County Long Term Interest Area (i.e., remove acreage from potential water and sewer service areas). As a result of discussion at the AOG meeting, the acreage proposed for removal from the Orange County Primary Service Area was amended from 170 to 100.
- Staff of all signatory parties met in January 2010 to discuss the proposed changes and the process of bringing them forward in an organized fashion since amendments to the WASMPBA require the approval of all agreement signatories. Staff proposed the March Assembly of Governments (AOG) meeting to present the specific changes to all signatory parties, inviting OWASA officials as well, since it was a scheduled meeting attended by the local governments. Presently each elected body and the OWASA Board will be asked to approve the proposed amendments at a regularly scheduled meeting of each Council/Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the resolution (Attachment "A") amending the Water and Sewer Boundary Agreement.