

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(G)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 1, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to the annexation request of the City of Florida City; directing, after public hearing, pursuant to section 20-7(b) of the Code, that the County Attorney prepare the appropriate ordinance and interlocal agreement to effectuate the annexation request, or denying or deferring the annexation request

Resolution No. R-658-25

A substitute was presented and forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation at the 6-11-25 Appropriations Committee.

This substitute differs from the original version as stated in the Mayor's memorandum.

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Office of Management and Budget and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Date: July 1, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: City of Florida City Annexation Application Area J

This substitute differs from the original item by updating the fiscal impact language and the cost to the average property owner using the City of Florida City's FY 2024-25 adopted millage rate.

Executive Summary

Pursuant to Chapter 20-7 (B) of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), this item considers the boundary change requested by the City of Florida City (City). The proposed annexation area, referred to by the City as "Area J," is adjacent to the City's northwestern boundaries and is approximately 406.9 acres within the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA). The proposed annexation area is neither deemed an enclave, as defined in Chapter 20 of the Code, nor would the annexation create an unincorporated enclave.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board), pursuant to Chapter 20-7 (B) of the Code and following the required public hearing, consider the accompanying resolution (Resolution) and take one of the following actions:

- Direct the County Attorney to prepare the appropriate ordinance and agreements, including all code provisions and Interlocal Agreement Requirements as stated below, establishing the proposed boundary change as presented by the City;
- Deny the requested boundary change as presented by the City; or
- Defer the requested boundary change for further consideration at a subsequent meeting.

Scope

The proposed annexation area is approximately 406.9 acres of the UMSA and is entirely within County Commission District 9, represented by Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.

The proposed annexation area, referred to by the City as "Area J," is shown on Exhibit 1 to the Resolution and is bounded on outermost boundaries as follows: on the north by SW 328th Street, on the east by SW 192nd Avenue, on the south by SW 344th Street, and on the west by SW 199th Avenue.

Delegation of Authority

There are no delegated authorities in this item.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The FY 2024-25 preliminary total taxable value of the annexation area is \$26,843,794. The area generates an estimated \$106,932 in revenue including property, communication, and sales taxes. The County spends an estimated \$311,736 per year providing services to the area. Therefore, the net revenue gain to the UMSA budget is an estimated \$204,804. However, should the proposed area be annexed, some services will not be adjusted but rather re-allocated within the UMSA area.

At the current UMSA millage rate of 1.9090 mills, the ad valorem revenues attributable to the annexation area are \$48,683. At the current City millage rate of 6.3080 mills, the ad valorem revenues attributable to the annexation area would be \$160,864. The resulting millage increase for the entire annexation area would be 4.3990 mills and \$112,182. Since there are 96 taxable folios in the proposed annexation area,

the average property owner in the proposed annexed area would experience an increase of approximately \$1,169 per year in ad valorem taxes if the annexation is approved.

If the annexation is approved pursuant to Section 20-8.2 of the Code, the County shall permanently retain all of the area's utility tax revenues upon annexation.

Track Record/Monitor

If the annexation is approved, the interlocal agreement governing the annexation area will be monitored by Vivian Cao, Assistance Director in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Background

On September 15, 2021, the City submitted a boundary change application to the Miami-Dade County Clerk of the Board. Thereafter, the application was reviewed by OMB and found to comply with Section 20-3.1 of the Code. On October 13, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-1020-22 referring the City annexation application to the Miami-Dade County Planning Advisory Board (PAB). After reviewing the staff report and Code considerations, the PAB held a public hearing on November 6, 2023. The public hearing was advertised as required by the Code. A representative from the City appeared at the public hearing, but property owners or residents did not participate in the public hearing. PAB members discussed the item and addressed the fact that if the annexation is approved, the average tax increase would have been about \$706 per property (based on FY2022-23 appraised property values). Upon being put to vote, the PAB approved the annexation 7 to 2, as noted in the PAB resolution (Exhibit 3 to the Resolution). The staff report reviewed by the PAB and the annexation application are attached for the Board's reference as Exhibit 2 to the Resolution.

Survey Results and Voting Requirements

Section 20-4.2 of the Code requires OMB to prepare and mail a survey to each property owner within the proposed boundary change area to ascertain whether property owners support or oppose the proposed change. A total of 97 real estate property folios are within the proposed annexation area, including one governmental property. The survey was mailed to the property owners of each folio with instructions to return the prepaid postage survey postmarked by March 25, 2024, or to hand deliver to OMB. The survey required property owners, or persons authorized to respond on behalf of a property owner, to indicate whether they support or oppose the proposed boundary change by the City.

Of the 96 surveys mailed, 31 were received by the March 25th deadline (a 32 percent return) and 10 were returned by the US Postal Service as undeliverable. Of the 31 surveys received by the deadline, 17 opposed the annexation and 14 were in favor.

The survey was inadvertently not completed until after the PAB hearing took place. If the Board approves this resolution and directs the County Attorney to prepare the appropriate ordinance, such ordinance will include a waiver of the provisions in Section 20-4.2 of the Code, which is related to timing of the survey and the PAB. Conversely, the Board has the discretion to send any proposed annexation back to the PAB for any reason.

The Code requires a vote of the resident electors if the area has 250 resident electors or is more than 50 percent developed as residential property. The annexation area contains 88 registered voters and less than 50 percent of it is developed as residential property. Therefore, should the Board approve the annexation, a vote of the electors in the annexation area will not be required.

Charter Considerations

On November 6, 2012, Section 6.04B of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter was amended to require the Board to consider whether commercial areas are included in the boundaries of the areas proposed to be annexed for the mere benefit of increasing the tax base of the annexing municipality.

Below are the designations of the 406.9 acres in the proposed annexation area:

- 70.8 percent is agricultural;
- 12.2 percent is residential;
- 8.9 percent is undeveloped;
- 5.9 percent is in transportation, communication, and utilities use; and
- 2.1 percent is parks and recreation.

In its annexation application, the City states that if the annexation is approved, it plans to adopt future land use regulations consistent with the County Land Use (LUP) map.

Interlocal Agreement Requirements

1. The City is within the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue District and the Miami-Dade Library District. The City has represented that it will remain in those districts, and the proposed interlocal agreement will include language providing that the annexation area will remain in the districts in perpetuity.
2. The annexation area is currently being serviced by the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) for water and sewer services. The proposed annexation area shall remain within the WASD service area.
3. The area should remain part of the Miami-Dade Solid Waste service area. The proposed interlocal agreement will include such requirements.
4. The City will assume responsibility for billing the City's stormwater utility fees for the properties in the area and agree to pay the County the area's share of stormwater debt service.
5. The County is proposing to keep the following roads:
 - SW 197 Avenue (theoretical) from SW 344 Street to SW 328 Street
 - SW 192 Avenue from SW 344 Street to SW 328 Street
 - SW 344 Street from SW 199 Avenue to SW 192 Avenue
 - SW 328 Street (theoretical) from SW 197 Avenue to SW 192 Avenue
 - East of centerline SW 194 Avenue from SW 336 Street to south centerline of SW 338 Street
 - SW 336 Street from SW 194 Avenue to SW 192 Avenue
6. The annexation area contains Natural Forest Communities (NFC) that have been designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a critical habitat for two identified endangered species.
7. The annexation area contains a County-owned Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) property, which will continue to be managed by the County as property owner.
8. The County is proposing to designate the Basic Wellfield Protection Area of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Wellfield Protection Area, Rock Pit #39 Preserve, and 80 acres lying between SW 197 Avenue and SW 192 Avenue to the west and east and SW 332 Street and SW 336 Street to the north and south as Areas or Facilities of Countywide Significance. The County would retain regulatory jurisdiction of the areas with this designation.

9. The Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) provides developmental regulatory services to UMSA, such as building, zoning, and planning, and the operational expenses associated with such services are covered by the fees for such activities. Annexations and incorporations, as they aggregate, erode RER's service area, and may negatively affect RER's economies of scale.

Code Considerations

Pursuant to Section 20-7 of the Code, after the public hearing, the Board shall consider the following in evaluating the boundary change:

1. Do the proposed annexation boundaries, in conjunction with the existing municipality, provide for a municipal community that is both cohesive and inclusive?

- a) Does the area divide a Census Designated Place (an officially or historically recognized traditional community)?

The proposed annexation area does not divide a Census Designated Place.

- b) Have any adjacent unincorporated areas with a majority of ethnic minority or lower income residents petitioned to be in the annexation area?

No. Adjacent unincorporated areas having a majority of ethnic minority or lower income residents have petitioned to be in the annexation area.

- c) Is the area currently or will it create an unincorporated enclave (an area surrounded on 80 percent or more of its boundary by municipalities) that cannot be efficiently or effectively served by the County?

The area is not an enclave, and should the area be annexed by the City, will not create an enclave.

- d) Are the boundaries logical, consisting of natural, built, or existing features or City limits?

The boundaries are logically designated as existing roads, some paved and unpaved. The northeastern boundary of the area abuts city limit of Florida City.

2. What is the existing and the projected property tax cost for municipal-level services to the average homeowner in the area (currently as unincorporated and as included as part of the annexing municipality)?

The FY 20245-25 taxable value within the proposed annexation area is \$26,843,794. At the current UMSA millage rate (1.9090 mills), the ad valorem revenues attributable to the annexation area would be \$48,683. At the current City millage rate (6.3080 mills), the ad valorem revenues attributable to the annexation area would be \$160,864. The expected millage increase to the entire annexation area would be 4.3990 mills and result in an additional \$112,182 in ad valorem revenue. Since there are 96 taxable folios in the proposed annexation area, the average property owner in the proposed annexed area would see an increase of \$1,169 if this annexation is approved.

3. What is the relationship of the proposed annexation area to the Urban Development Boundary of the County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan?

The proposed annexation area is 406.9 acres and is located within the Adopted 2020 Urban Development Boundary, as shown on the County's CDMP Adopted 2020 and 2030 Land use Plan map.

4. What is the impact of the proposal on the revenue base of the unincorporated area, and on the ability of the County to efficiently and effectively provide services to the remaining adjacent unincorporated areas?

The total taxable value of the annexation area is \$26,843,794. The area generates an estimated \$106,932 in revenue including property, communication, and sales taxes. The County spends an estimated \$311,736 per year providing services to the area. Therefore, the net revenue gain to the UMSA budget is an estimated \$204,804. However, should the proposed area be annexed, some services will not be adjusted but rather re-allocated within the UMSA area.

5. What is the fiscal impact of the proposed annexation on the remaining unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County? Specifically, does the per capita taxable value of the area fall within the range of \$20,000 to \$48,000?

According to the 2020 Census, the population within the proposed annexation area is 104 persons. The taxable value within the annexation area is \$26,843,794; therefore, the per capita taxable value is \$258,113.

6. Is the annexation consistent with the Land Use Plan of the County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan?

In its annexation application, the City states it plans to adopt future land use regulations consistent with the CDMP's Land Use Plan if the annexation is approved.

7. What are the potential impacts on businesses following annexation, considering the current County land use regulations and the corresponding municipal regulations, as well as regulations concerning hours and days of operation?

In its annexation application the City states it plans to adopt future land use regulations consistent with the current CDMP's Land Use Plan if the annexation is approved.

8. Is there a community redevelopment agency operating within the area proposed to be annexed?

The proposed annexation area does not operate within a community redevelopment area.



Carladenise Edwards
Chief Administrative Officer



MEMORANDUM (Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 1, 2025

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(G)(3)

Please note any items checked.

- _____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**
- _____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- _____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- _____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- _____ **Budget required**
- _____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**
- _____ **Statement of social equity required**
- _____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing**
- _____ **No committee review**
- _____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve**
- _____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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7-1-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-658-25

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ANNEXATION REQUEST OF THE CITY OF FLORIDA CITY; DIRECTING, AFTER PUBLIC HEARING, PURSUANT TO SECTION 20-7(B) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THAT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY PREPARE THE APPROPRIATE ORDINANCE AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO EFFECTUATE THE ANNEXATION REQUEST, OR DENYING OR DEFERRING THE ANNEXATION REQUEST

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2021, the City of Florida City (“City”) submitted an annexation request to Miami-Dade County (“County”) for the property shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit 1, and which has been referred to by the City as Area J; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-1020-22, which referred the matter to the Planning Advisory Board (“PAB”) for its review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, staff from the County’s Office of Management and Budget prepared a staff report which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 2; and

WHEREAS, the PAB, after reviewing the required staff report and after a public hearing, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the City of Florida City’s annexation request, and the PAB’s resolution is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 3; and

WHEREAS, the County Mayor has prepared her recommendation on the City of Florida City’s annexation request which is set forth in the Mayor’s memorandum and attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the application in its totality and as required by the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter and Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20-7(B) of the County Code, the Board, after a public hearing, may direct the County Attorney to prepare the appropriate annexation items, or deny the request, or defer the request,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are approved and incorporated in this resolution.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby takes the following action on the annexation request of the City of Florida City: directs the County Attorney to prepare the appropriate annexation items, including the ordinance and interlocal agreement, to effectuate the annexation.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	nay
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye
Marleine Bastien	aye
Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	nay
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye
Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye
Eileen Higgins	nay
Raquel A. Regalado	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of July, 2024. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the County Attorney, is written over a horizontal line.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell
James Eddie Kirtley

Florida City Annexation of Area "j"



Memorandum



Date: November 6, 2023

To: Chairman Max Losner and Members
Planning Advisory Board

From: Vivian Cao *Vivian Cao*
Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget

Subject: Staff Report for Proposed Boundary Change to the City of Florida City Area "J"

Background

On September 15, 2021, the City of Florida City (City) submitted a boundary change application to the Miami-Dade County Clerk of the Board. Thereafter, the application was reviewed by the County's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and found to comply with section 20-3.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code (Code). On October 13, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-1020-22 referring the Florida City annexation application to the Miami-Dade County Planning Advisory Board (PAB). As required by the Code, OMB has reviewed and processed the application for PAB consideration.

The proposed annexation area consists of 406.9 acres, or 0.61 miles of the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) located on the City's northwestern boundary. The proposed annexation area, comprised of 97 folios including one governmental property, is within County Commission District 9, represented by Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee, and is generally described as:

The area adjacent to the City, bounded on outermost boundaries is as follows: on the north by SW 328th Street (Southwest 7th Street), on the east by SW 192nd Avenue, on the south by SW 344th Street, and on the west by SW 199th Avenue.

Pursuant to section 20-6 of the Code, OMB submits this report for the PAB's review and recommendation.

Summary of Issues for Consideration

1. The annexation area has fewer than 250 registered electors and less than 50 percent is developed residential; therefore, a vote of resident electors in the area will not be required.
2. Property owners will see an average increase of \$706 in property taxes if this annexation is approved. The annexation area will remain within the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) District and the Miami-Dade Library District in perpetuity.
3. The annexation area is currently being serviced by the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) for water and sewer services. The proposed annexation area shall remain within the WASD service area.
4. The area should remain part of the Miami-Dade Solid Waste service area. An interlocal agreement should be approved upon annexation.
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Annexation Guidelines:

The following analysis addresses the factors required for consideration by the PAB pursuant to chapter 20-6 of the Code.

1. **Does the annexation divide a historically recognized community?**
The proposed annexation area does not divide a historically recognized community.
2. **If approved, will the annexation result in an area that is compatible with existing planned land uses and zoning of the municipality to which the area is proposed to be annexed?**
In its annexation application, the City states that if the annexation is approved, it plans to adopt future land use regulations consistent with the current County Land Use (LUP) map and provided a description of existing County zoning in the annexation area. Since, the city has satisfied this requirement by submitting a proposed city zoning plan.
3. **Will annexation of the area impact eligibility for any benefits derived from inclusion in federal or state enterprise zones, or targeted area assistance provided by federal, state, and local government agencies?**
The annexation will not impact the federal or state entitlement funding administered by the Community Action and Human Services Department. Additionally, there are no state or federal enterprise zones in the proposed annexation area.
4. **Will the annexation impact public safety response times?**

Fire and Rescue:

The proposed annexation is not expected to impact fire rescue response times. The area is currently served as part of MDRF Stations 16 and 65 located within the City of Homestead. As part of the application, the City stated that the area will remain in the County's Fire Rescue District, therefore this area will continue to be served by the same stations and resources if

the annexation is approved. However, response time may be impacted if the land use designation is amended to allow an increase density in its land use.

Police:

The proposed annexation area will not impact police response times in the remaining UMSA area. Should the annexation be approved, the City will provide police services to the area as it currently does within its municipal boundaries. Police resources will be relocated to remaining portions of UMSA.

5. Will the annexation introduce barriers to municipal traffic circulation due to existing security taxing districts, walled communities, and/or private roads?

There are no existing security taxing districts, walled communities, or private roads in the proposed annexation area. The proposed annexation area contains an inactive special taxing district known as L-1145/M-508 - Spring Flowers Subdivision Multipurpose and Lighting.

6. Will the annexation area be served by the same public service franchises, such as cable and communications services, as the existing municipality, or with full access to all available municipal programming through its franchise provider(s)?

The area will continue to be served by the same cable television and telecommunication operators as before. Pursuant to State law effective July 1, 2007, Miami-Dade County no longer can license new cable television companies and enforcement activities will be limited to rights-of-way issues only. Therefore, the proposed annexation will not have an impact on our ability to enforce rights-of-way issues as per the Code. A list of new cable franchise certificates that may affect the County's rights-of-way can be found at the following site: <https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CableFranchiseSearch/SearchResults?inquiryType=CableFranchiseNameList¤tPage=1>

Telecommunications Service Providers are required to register with the County only if they have facilities located within UMSA. The purpose of the registration process is to determine users of the County's rights-of-way. Therefore, companies that have facilities within the proposed annexation area will no longer be required to register with the County. Municipalities are responsible for managing their public thoroughfares. Municipal programming is accomplished through separate agreements between municipalities and the cable operators providing services within their respective municipality. The cable operator's obligation to broadcast municipal meetings is outlined in these agreements. Technically, cable operators have the ability to add municipal programming to the proposed annexed areas, if required.

7. If the area has been identified by the Federal Government as a flood zone or by emergency planners as an evacuation zone, has the existing municipality indicated its preparedness to address any extraordinary needs that may arise?

The proposed annexation area is located within Special Flood Hazard Area AH 9 as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The City noted in its application that it is prepared to address any emergency evacuation needs for the proposed area.

8. Will the annexation area be connected to municipal government offices and commercial centers by public transportation?

The proposed annexation area is currently served by Metrobus Routes 35/35A, 301 and 344. While none of these routes cross the proposed annexation area, they do provide access to

Metrobus services at bus stops along SW 187th Avenue, SW 182nd Avenue and SW 344th Street. The bus stops are all within half a mile to a mile from the proposed annexation area depending on which stop and route is desired.

Metrobus Routes 35 and 344 can be accessed at an eastbound bus stop along SW 344th Street and SW 187th Avenue approximately 0.45 miles away from SW 192nd Ave and 1.28 miles away from SW 199th Ave. Metrobus Routes 35 and 301 can be accessed at the Eastbound Bus stop along SW 344th Street at SW 182nd Avenue (NW 6th Ave) approximately one mile away from SW 192nd Avenue. The service headways (in minutes) for these routes are detailed in the table below.

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Route	Service Headways (in minutes)						Type of Service
	Weekday				Weekend		
	Peak (AM/PM)	Off-Peak (midday)	Evenings (after 8pm)	Overnight (OVN)	Saturday	Sunday	
35	40	40	40	n/a	60	60	L/F
35A	40	40	40	n/a	60	60	L/F
301 (Marathon)	30	30	120	n/a	30	30	L
301 (Islamorada)	60	105	45	n/a	60	60	L
344	60	60	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	L/F
Notes: <i>L means Metrobus local route service</i> <i>F means Metrobus feeder service to Metrorail or Tri-Rail</i> <i>E means Metrobus Express or Limited-Stop service</i> <i>December 2020 Line Up</i>							

Metrobus Route 344 provides the area access to the Dade Correctional Institution, the Florida City - City Hall, a Post Office, the Department of Children and Families offices, Homestead High School and Miami Dade College Homestead Campus. Metrobus Route 301 provides access to the Florida Keys, two routes service the Islamorada Village of Islands and the City of Marathon daily. Metrobus Route 35/35A provides the area access to the Miami Dade College Kendall Campus, Southland Mall, Homestead High School, Homestead Hospital and the SW 344th Street Park-and-Ride facility in Florida City.

The City of Homestead also provides a trolley service to the area less than a half mile away from the proposed annexation area. The City of Homestead Downtown trolley bus route can be accessed along SW 192nd Avenue (SW 18th Ave) at SW 324th Street (SW 4th St). The City of Homestead Downtown Trolley Route provides access to City of Homestead activity centers such as, the Historic Museum, Wittkop Park, Robby George Park, Homestead City Hall, and Downtown Homestead.

9. To the degree possible, would the proposed annexation area be contained in one or more school district boundaries governing admission to elementary, middle, and high school as the adjoining municipality?

The proposed annexation area adjoins both Florida City and the City of Homestead to the east, and is contained within the same elementary, middle school, and high school attendance boundaries as the adjoining cities. The schools serving the proposed annexation area are Florida City Elementary School, Homestead K-8 Center, Gateway Environmental K-8 Center and Homestead Senior High School, all of which are Miami-Dade County public schools.

The following analysis addresses the factors required for consideration by the Board and the PAB pursuant to chapter 20-7 of the Code.

1. The suitability of the proposed annexation boundaries, in conjunction with the existing municipality, to provide for a municipal community that is both cohesive and inclusive.

a. Does the area divide a Census Designated Place, (an officially or historically recognized traditional community)?

The proposed annexation area does not divide a Census Designated Place.

b. Have any adjacent unincorporated areas with a majority of ethnic minority or lower income residents petitioned to be in the annexation area?

No adjacent unincorporated areas having a majority of ethnic minority or lower income residents have petitioned to be included in the annexation area.

c. Is the area or does it create an unincorporated enclave area (surrounded on 80 percent or more of its boundary by municipalities) that cannot be efficiently or effectively served by the County?

The area is not an enclave.

d. Are the boundaries logical, consisting of natural, built, or existing features or City limits?

The boundaries are logically designated as existing roads, some paved and some unpaved. The northeastern boundary of the area abuts city limit of Florida City.

2. Land Use and Zoning Covenants - Provide a listing of all declarations of restrictions within the annexation area (include folios and copies of covenants).

County staff's research identified approximately 117 acres of land located in the southeast corner of the proposed annexation area that are subject to CDMP Declarations of Restrictions (covenant) recorded in Official Record Book 25852 at Pages 4394 through 4417, Record Book 25853 at pages 4309 through 4321, and Record Book 26099 at pages 3422 through 3437 in the Public Records of Miami Dade County. The CDMP covenants were recorded in 2006 and 2007 and apply to an area generally bounded by SW 336th Street on the north, SW 344th Street on the south, SW 197th Avenue on the west, and SW 192nd Avenue on the east. These and any other such covenants governing property in the annexation area will be subject to modification or release in accordance with section 20-8.8 of the Code, which provides that the Board shall retain jurisdiction over the modification or deletion of certain covenants and development agreements, regardless of whether such declaration or agreement provides for modification or deletion by a successor governmental body. It is provided, however, that the Board may not exercise such jurisdiction unless the applicable municipality has first approved the modification or deletion.

3. **The existing and projected property tax cost for the municipal-level service to the average homeowners in the area currently as unincorporated and as included as part of the annexing municipality.**

The taxable value within the proposed annexation area is \$15,608,303. At the current City millage rate (6.4790 mills), the ad valorem revenues attributable to the annexation area would be \$96,070. At the current UMSA millage rate (1.9090 mills), the ad valorem revenues attributable to the annexation area would be \$28,306. The expected tax increase to the entire annexation area would be 4.5700 mills and \$67,763. There are 96 taxable folios in the proposed annexation Area and the average property owner would see an increase of \$706 if this annexation is approved.

**Projected Property Tax Cost
City of Florida City
Annexation Application Area J**

	Millage Rate	Millage x Taxable Value
City of Florida City -- Municipal Millage	6.4790	\$ 96,070
Unincorporated Area -- UMSA Millage	1.9090	\$ 28,306
Increase (Decrease)	<u>4.5700</u>	<u>\$ 67,763</u>

4. **Relationship of the proposed annexation area to the Urban Development Boundary (UDB) of the County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP).**

The proposed annexation area is 406.9 acres and is located within the Adopted 2020 Urban Development Boundary as shown on the County's CDMP Adopted 2020 and 2030 Land use Plan map.

5. **What is the impact of the proposal on the revenue base of the unincorporated area and on the ability of the County to efficiently and effectively provide services to the adjacent remaining unincorporated areas?**

The total taxable value of the annexation area is \$15,608,303. The area generates an estimated \$83,456 in revenue including property, communication, and sales taxes. The County spends an estimated \$299,267 per year providing services to the area. Therefore, the net revenue gain to the UMSA budget is an estimated \$215,811. However, should the proposed area be annexed, some services will not be adjusted but rather re-allocated within the UMSA area.

6. **What is the fiscal impact of the proposed annexation on the remaining unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County? Specifically, does the per capita taxable value of the area fall within the range of \$20,000 to \$48,000?**

According to the 2020 Census, the population within the proposed annexation area is 104 persons. The taxable value within the annexation area is \$15,608,303, therefore the per capita taxable value is \$150,080.

7. **Is the annexation consistent with the Land Use Plan of the County's CDMP?**

As noted in No. 2 above, in its annexation application the City states that it plans to adopt future land use regulations consistent with the CDMP's Land Use Plan (LUP) if the annexation is approved.

8. Does the proposed annexation exclude areas designated terminals on the County's Adopted Land Use Plan Map?

The proposed annexation area does not include areas designated as terminals.

Departmental Analysis

Police

The proposed annexation area is currently served by the MDPD's South District. If the proposed annexation is approved, police services for the annexation area will be transferred to the City of Florida City Police Department. This transfer will allow MDPD resources to be used in other areas within UMSA. As stated in their application, the City is prepared to provide the required police services for the proposed annexation.

An analysis of the Crime Data Warehouse database indicates that there were 61 calls for service in 2020, 54 calls for service in 2021, and 65 calls for service in 2022 within the proposed annexation area.

Fire Rescue

Based on the City's representation that the annexation area will remain in the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue District, the proposed annexation will not impact the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department's (MDFR) service delivery or response times to the remainder of the County.

The City is within the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue District and the Miami-Dade Library District. The proposed interlocal agreement will include language providing that the annexation area will remain within those districts in perpetuity.

The proposed annexation will not impact public safety response times; however, response time may be impacted if the land use designation is amended to allow increased density and the area is developed with such increased density such that there are more persons in the area to serve.

Existing Stations:

There are two stations serving the area as part of UMSA's Fire District located within the City of Homestead:

- Station 16 - 255 NW 4th Avenue
- Station 65 - 1350 SE 24th Street

Both stations are located 2.8 miles from the proposed annexation area. Should the annexation be approved, fire protection and emergency medical services will continue to be provided by MDFR and will continue to be served by the same stations and resources.

Planned Stations:

In an effort to enhance emergency service and response times in the area, the MDFR is in the process of finalizing the design for the future construction of Florida City Fire Station No. 72 at 1050 West Palm Drive, projected to be completed in 2023 – 2024.

City of Florida City – Proposed Annexation Area
MDFR Service Delivery – Calendar Years

	2020	2021	2022
Life Threatening Emergencies			
Number of Alarms	10	5	5
Average Response Time	0:10:45	0:07:30	0:09:53
Structure Fires			
Number of Alarms	-	-	-
Average Response Time	-	-	-

Water and Sewer

The proposed annexation area is within the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department's (WASD) water and sewer service area. The water is supplied by the Everglades Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in the South Dade System, and the wastewater is transmitted to the South District Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for treatment and disposal. There is a 16-inch water main along SW 192nd Avenue, along the eastern annexation boundary and a 12-inch force main on SW 352nd Street and SW 188th Place, to where future development may connect and extend water and sewer infrastructure to provide service within the annexation area.

Currently, there is adequate treatment and water supply capacity at the WTP, and adequate sewer treatment and disposal capacity at the WWTP, consistent with Policy WS-2 A (1) and WS-2A (2) of the CDMF. The proposed annexation area shall remain within the WASD service area. Request for future water and sewer service within the subject annexation area shall be determined at the time the proposed development occurs based on the adequacy and capacity of the County's water and sewer systems at the time of the proposed development. Currently, there are no GOB projects under construction within the proposed annexation area.

Solid Waste Management (DSWM)

Currently, the DSWM does not provide waste collection services to the City, however the proposed annexation area contains 43 active DSWM residential waste service accounts/units for garbage, trash, and recycling collection services. County Code section 20.8.4, Retention of Garbage and Refuse Collection and Disposal, and section 15-13, County Collection of Solid Waste, provides that DSWM shall either continue to collect and dispose of all residential waste from any part of UMSA that is annexed to existing municipalities, or delegate to the governing body of the existing municipality the authority to collect the residential waste through a 20-year interlocal agreement for collection services and for disposal services. Accordingly, the County retains the right to collect and dispose of residential waste in the proposed annexation area. If the annexation is approved, DSWM will continue to service the existing active accounts in the annexation area, unless the authority to collect and dispose of such waste is delegated to the City by interlocal agreement as provided in the County Code.

In the future, in accordance with County Code section 15-1, should any residential units be built, the DSWM will provide waste collection services to those units. Should the City desire to collect waste from any future residential units in the newly annexed area, the City has the option to request an interlocal agreement with the County for delegation of solid waste collection authority. Any municipality that requests the delegation of waste collection authority in a proposed annexation area must also have an existing 20-year waste disposal agreement with the County

in place. The City does not have an existing waste disposal agreement with the County. The DSWM has no objections to the proposed annexation of this section.

Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER)

1. Services and property to remain with Miami-Dade County:

i. Review, approval, and issuance of development orders

The Miami-Dade County Division of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) services are Countywide and are provided in both UMSA and in municipalities. Services provided by DERM in the proposed annexation area will continue to be provided by the department and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Enforcement of chapter 24 of the County Code which includes review approval, and issuance of:
 - One-time permits for tree removal, paving and drainage
 - Operating permits for industrial facilities and grease discharge
 - Development orders for building permits, zoning actions, platting actions, and municipal occupational licenses
- Review, approval, and issuance of permits delegated by the State of Florida
- Review, approval, and issuance of permits delegated by the Federal Government
- Review, approval, and issuance of Sanitary Sewer Capacity Certification for development orders
- Review, approvals, or disapprovals in conformance with the Miami-Dade CDMP
- Maintenance of County drainage systems in County rights-of-way and road(s)

ii. Miami-Dade Secondary Canals - Water Management

Miami-Dade County shall retain ownership and regulatory control over all canal rights-of-way currently under the County's ownership or flow control. The County shall retain all rights and regulatory control of easements and canal reservations in the annexed area, and anywhere in Florida City.

2. Services to be assumed by the City of Florida City in the proposed annexation area:

i. National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System - Water Management:

The NFIP is a program wherein FEMA agrees to subsidize flood insurance policies for residents of a community if the community agrees to enforce minimum flood protection standards. The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program for NFIP participating communities. Miami-Dade County participates in the CRS and currently maintains a Class 5 rating, which provides properties located within unincorporated Miami-Dade County a 25 percent premium discount. If approved, the annexation area would no longer benefit from the Miami-Dade County CRS rating. Florida City does not currently participate in CRS.

ii. Flood Protection:

In 1993, FEMA mandated that all incorporated areas in Miami-Dade County regulate their own floodplain management ordinance and conduct separate programs. The proposed annexation area is within Special Flood Hazard Area AH 9 as determined by FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. If approved, Florida City (FEMA Community No. 120641) will

assume flood plain management within the annexation area and must report to FEMA that their municipal boundaries have changed.

iii. Stormwater Management Master Plan:

The County is divided into drainage basins, which are then modeled to determine what drainage is needed for each area now and in the future. By planning for future drainage needs, the County can ensure that the level of flood protection service provided to residents is maintained or improved. Upon annexation, these properties will become the responsibility of Florida City stormwater master planning.

iv. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES):

NPDES is a nationwide permit program that has an objective of controlling pollution that is inherent in stormwater runoff. NPDES started as a federal program and has now been delegated to the State of Florida. Municipalities must apply to and receive from the state a permit that outlines best management programs designed to reduce the pollution in stormwater runoff. These stormwater management programs can consist of water sampling and monitoring, education and outreach, street sweeping, drainage infrastructure inspection and maintenance, drainage systems design and construction, and the implementation of various other best management practices.

Miami-Dade County's NPDES Phase 1 permit is a joint permit with 32 co-permittees, excluding Florida City. Due to population size, Florida City has a NPDES Phase 2 permit instead. Upon annexation, Florida City would need to notify FDEP of said annexation and take all actions necessary to integrate such annexation area into Florida City's NPDES permit. Additionally, the respective NPDES Permit Surveillance fees paid by the County and Florida City to the FDEP, will be adjusted to reflect the change in population for the unincorporated Miami-Dade County and Florida City, respectively.

3. Existing Billing Agreements between the County and the City:

i. Stormwater Billing Agreement for Stormwater Utility (SWU) Program and Fees

Upon annexation, the properties in the proposed annexation area will no longer be billed by the County's Stormwater Utility. Florida City will be responsible for billing the stormwater utility fees for the properties in the proposed annexation area. Florida City maintains their own utility billing, therefore, a billing agreement with Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department will not be necessary. Currently, the annexation area has approximately 45 Equivalent Residential Units (ERU). The annexation of these residential properties to Florida City will result in an annual revenue collection reduction for the County in stormwater utility fees of approximately \$2,640.

ii. Stormwater Billing Agreement for Stormwater Utility Bonds Debt Service Payments

The City of Florida City shall pay its pro-rata share of the debt service on the County's 1999, 2004, refinanced 2013 Stormwater Utility Revenue Bonds and now replaced by the Series 2020-Stormwater Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds, for the annexed areas. Bond debt service payments to the County will commence immediately upon annexation.

Actual cost for the bond debt service will be determined at the time of annexation and billed to Florida City, and such provisions shall be included in the interlocal agreement for the proposed annexation. Currently, the annexation area has approximately 45 Equivalent

Residential Units (ERU). Florida City's debt service payment to the County for the proposed annexation area, based on Series 2020 bonds, is currently estimated to be \$450 per year, however, such amount may change.

4. Environmental information:

i. Wellfield Protection

In 1984, the BCC adopted Resolution R-1532-84 approving a cooperative agreement between the County and the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA) to protect the wellfield protection area owned by FKAA. The County, through DERM, provides wellfield protection services as well as technical analysis regarding ground and surface water quality within the FKAA. A portion of the proposed annexation area is located within the Basic Wellfield Protection Area of the FKAA Wellfield. Specifically, the annexation area is situated between the 100-day travel time and the 210-day travel time contour of the FKAA Wellfield Protection Area. Pursuant to the Code, the Basic wellfield protection area is the area within two hundred ten (210) days travel time from a public utility potable water supply well based upon maximum day pumpage. Due to its proximity to the potable water supply well(s), the basic wellfield protection area has environmental protections such as restrictions on the type of land uses, stormwater methods, and overall sewage loading allowed, and restrictions prohibiting hazardous materials and hazardous wastes. These restrictions are referenced in the County's CDMP policies and in the wellfield protection provisions in the Code. The County recommends that the area within the basic wellfield protection area, be designated as Areas or Facilities of Countywide Significance pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Code, so that such areas will remain within the County's regulatory jurisdiction for land use and zoning actions to ensure land use and zoning actions are consistent with protecting this wellfield.

For reference, County provisions in the CDMP that address land uses within wellfield protection areas are listed below:

- a. Conservation Objective CON 3A: no new facilities that use, handle, generate, transport, or dispose of hazardous wastes shall be permitted within wellfield protection areas.
- b. Land Use Policy LU-3B: All significant natural resources and systems shall be protected from incompatible land use including Biscayne Bay, future coastal and inland wetlands, future potable water-supply wellfield areas identified in the Land Use Element or in adopted wellfield protection plans, and forested portions of Environmentally Sensitive Natural Forest Communities as identified in the Natural Forest Inventory, as may be amended from time to time.
- c. Interpretive text of the Land Use Element: Miami-Dade County's sole source of drinking water is the Biscayne Aquifer. Many characteristics of the Aquifer make it highly vulnerable to contamination from activities on the land surface. Land uses and activities near and upgradient from wellfields, directly impact the quality of water ultimately withdrawn from the wells. Additionally, newly constructed, and future regional wellfields warrant greater and more extensive protection for two reasons. First, the opportunity still exists to maintain pristine water quality around the new and future wellfields because the land within the full extent of their cones

of influence is largely undeveloped. Secondly, if these become contaminated there are no alternative sites for the construction of comparable high-capacity wellfields.

- d. In order that the new and future regional water supply wellfields constructed in a predominantly undeveloped areas will remain free from contamination, land use and development within and upgradient from the full extent of their cones of influence must be carefully controlled to limit land uses to those which will pose no threat to water quality.

ii. Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL)

An EEL Program Preserve is located within the Florida City Annexation Application area. Rock Pit #39 Preserve (folio 30-7823-002-0010), located on the southwest corner of SW 336th Street and SW 192nd Avenue is owned and managed by the County pursuant to section 24-50 of the Code. The Preserve comprises 10 acres of globally imperiled pine rockland plant community, which harbors threatened and endangered species. The Board approved the Preserve to be managed in perpetuity by the EEL Program via Resolution No. R-692-00. It is recommended that this EEL Preserve be designated by the BCC as an Area of Countywide Significance pursuant to Chapter 20, so that the County would retain full regulatory jurisdiction if such property is annexed into a municipality.

Currently, the EEL Preserve abuts undeveloped roadways in the proposed annexation area that comprise segments of SW 336 Street between SW 192 Avenue and SW 194 Avenue, SW 192 Avenue between SW 338 Street and SW 336 Street, and SW 194 Avenue between SW 338 Street and SW 336 Street ends. The County is proposing to keep the following roads:

- West of centerline SW 192 Avenue from SW 338 Street to south centerline of SW 328 Street
- East of centerline SW 194 Avenue from SW 338 to south centerline of SW 328 Street
- SW 336 Street from SW 194 Avenue to SW 192 Avenue

iii. Natural Resources

Approximately 80-acre area lying between 197th Avenue and 192nd Avenue to the west and east and 332nd Street and 336th Street to the north and south contain pine rockland resources designated by the County as Natural Forest Community (NFC). Furthermore, the annexation area contains tree resources and may include specimen trees (trees with a trunk diameter at breast height of 18 inches or greater). Due to the ecological significance of these resources, NFC and specimen trees are protected by section 24-49.2 of the Code and any proposed development is required to be consistent with the detailed standards contained in the Code. Due to the presence of County designated NFC, the County recommends that the above-mentioned area be designated as Areas or Facilities of Countywide Significance pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Code, so that such areas will remain within the County's regulatory jurisdiction for land use and zoning actions.

For reference, some of the provisions in the County's CDMP that address land uses within NFCs are listed below:

- a) Conservation Objective CON-8: Upland forests included on Miami-Dade County's Natural Forest Inventory shall be maintained and protected.
- b) Conservation Policy CON-8A: Specimen trees and Natural Forest Communities in Miami-Dade County shall be protected through the maintenance and enforcement of the County's Tree and Forest Protection and Landscape Code, as may be amended from time to time. The County's Natural Forest Inventory shall be revised periodically to reflect current Natural Forest Community conditions. A Natural Forest Community shall not be removed from the inventory unless its quality and resource values have been degraded to the point where it cannot be restored.
- c) Conservation Policy CON-8D: Where hammocks or pinelands are contained within prospective development sites, they shall be given priority for designation as landscape and open space areas and left intact. The extent of hammock and pineland area destroyed shall be minimized using native plant buffers, clustering, large lot zoning, and/or reduced roadway widths. Care shall be exercised when developing adjacent land to minimize root damage and filling. Disturbance to the forest canopy and understory shall be minimized and confined to the least viable areas. Preservation areas shall be located and configured to protect rare, threatened, and endangered species and to allow for prescribed burning, where applicable. In the protected forest areas, understory vegetation and associated geologic features shall be protected and maintained in perpetuity.
- d) Conservation Policy CON-8E: The destruction of environmentally sensitive Natural Forest Communities shall be kept to a minimum; a long-term mitigation and management plan shall be developed to assure the continued maintenance of the remaining forest lands and the restoration or creation of at least an equal amount of forest lands to those destroyed.

iv. Endangered Species

All or part of certain NFC properties within the proposed annexation area have been designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as critical habitat for Brickell bush (*Brickellia mosieri*) and Carter's sand flax (*Linum carteri* var. *carteri*) which are both federally and state listed endangered species.

5. Other Issues for Consideration:

- i. RER provides developmental regulatory services to UMSA as well as platting, planning and environmental regulatory services countywide. The services provided in UMSA include building-trades (plan review and inspection) services, developmental (zoning), and an array of code enforcement. Only a small amount of the County's total past activities relating to building-trade, zoning and enforcement services programs are attributable to the proposed annexation area. Likewise, the operating expenses associated with building, zoning, and code enforcement activities are covered by the fees from such activities. However, this historical assessment is not indicative of the future demand for our regulatory services as there is development potential in this area. Assuming the full development of the area based on current zoning, meaning the maximum number of units that could be built in that area, the annexation area could potentially represent a loss of \$8.4 million in building, zoning, and code enforcement fees over a multi-year period to RER. Additionally, as they aggregate, incorporations and annexations erode RER's service area. RER monitors the progress of proposed annexations and incorporations

along with other factors affecting RER's service demand and delivery, and staffing levels, such as economic trends in the construction, real estate, and housing industries.

ii. Development Profile of the Area

The table below depicts the 2022 existing land use profile for the proposed annexation area. Of the 406.9 acres in the proposed annexation area, 70.8 percent of that acreage is in agriculture use, 12.2 percent is residential, 8.9 percent is undeveloped, 5.9 percent is in transportation, communication, and utilities use; and 2.1 percent is parks and recreation.

Florida City Proposed Annexation Area 2022 Existing Land Use						
Land Use	Proposed Annexation Area (Acres)	Proposed Annexation Area (% of Total)	City of Florida City (Acres)	City of Florida City (% of Total)	Miami-Dade County (Acres)	Miami-Dade County (% of Total)
Residential	49.70	12.21%	570.90	14.71%	115,361.00	9.11%
Commercial & Office Transient Residential	0.00	0.00%	197.00	5.07%	14,423.00	1.14%
Industrial	0.00	0.00%	266.60	6.87%	21,325.70	1.68%
Institutional	0.00	0.00%	97.80	2.52%	15,795.70	1.25%
Parks/Recreation	8.70	2.14%	231.90	5.97%	834,795.70	65.92%
Transportation, Communication, Utilities	24.20	5.95%	503.40	12.97%	88,806.50	7.01%
Agriculture	288.00	70.78%	935.30	24.09%	59,477.00	4.70%
Undeveloped	36.30	8.92%	876.00	22.57%	77,108.10	6.09%
Inland Waters	0.00	0.00%	203.10	5.23%	39,221.50	3.10%
Total:	406.90	100.00%	3,882.00	100.00%	1,266,314.20	100.00%

Source: Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER), Planning Research Economic Analysis Section (January 2023)

iii. Demographic Profile of the Area

Shown in the table below is the U.S. Census Bureau, estimated American Community Survey 2016-2020, 5-year Estimates for the proposed annexation area.

City of Florida City Proposed Annexation Area Demographic and Economic Characteristics City of Florida City and Miami-Dade County, ACS 2016-2020		
Characteristics	Annexation Area Estimates	City of Florida City
Population 2020	104	13,085
Percent White, Not Hispanic	27.88%	3.81%
Percent Black, Not Hispanic	14.42%	44.22%
Percent Other, Not Hispanic	2.88%	2.12%
Percent Hispanic Origin	54.81%	49.85%
<u>Income</u>		
Median Household Income	\$117,500	\$37,556
Per-capita Income	\$60,382	\$12,991
<u>Housing</u>		
Total Housing Units	43	4,088

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census, 2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates; and Miami-Dade County, Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, Planning Research and Economic Analysis, April 2022.

Transportation & Public Works

Currently, there are undeveloped roadways in the proposed annexation area that comprise segments of SW 328 Street between SW 192 Avenue and SW 197 Avenue that have fences and gates at both ends. Since SW 328 Street is a section-line/collector road, when developed it must be fully accessible and no gates and/or fencing are allowed on the public right-of-way.

There are approximately 4.9 centerline miles (approximately 2.8 mi paved and 2.1 mi undeveloped) in the proposed annexation area. Approximately 1.6 centerline miles will be transferred to Florida City. The County is proposing to keep the following roads:

- SW 197 Avenue (theoretical) from SW 344 Street to SW 328 Street
- SW 192 Avenue from SW 344 Street to SW 328 Street
- SW 344 Street from SW 199 Avenue to SW 192 Avenue
- SW 328 Street (theoretical) from SW 197 Avenue to SW 192 Avenue
- East of centerline SW 194 Avenue from SW 336 Street to south centerline of SW 338 Street
- SW 336 Street from SW 194 Avenue to SW 192 Avenue

Elections

The proposed annexation area contains 88 registered voters; therefore, an election in the area will not be required.

Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces

There are no County parks within the proposed annexation area.

Spring Flowers Subdivision L-1145/M-508 – Special Taxing District

This area is part of L-1145 Spring Flowers Subdivision Multipurpose Maintenance and Street Lighting Taxing District established May 26, 2006, in anticipation of development of the property. This district has remained inactive since its creation as no development has taken place since its establishment in 2006.

Attachments:

- A. Map of the Proposed Annexation Area
- B. Estimated Impact on UMSA Budget Statement
- C. City of Florida City Annexation Application

C: David Clodfelter Director, Office of Management and Budget

Florida City Annexation of Area "j"

Homestead

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Annexation SW 336TH ST Area "J"

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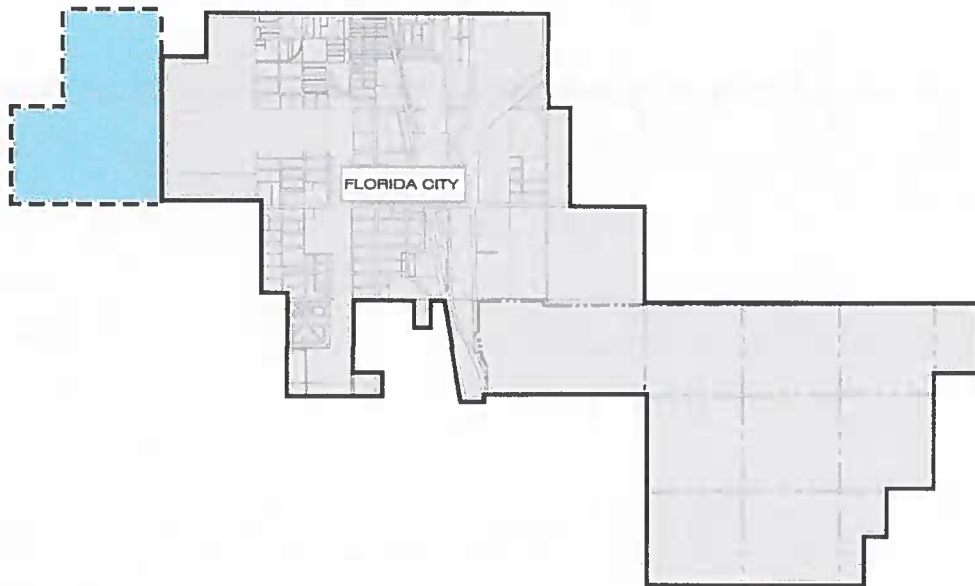
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Florida City Area J Annexation Area		
Based on FY 2022-23 Budget	Assumptions	
Property Tax Revenue	Allocation based on tax roll & millage	\$28,306
Sales Tax	Allocation based on \$105.84 per person	\$11,008
Utility Taxes	Allocated based on tax roll/population	
Communications Tax	Allocated based on tax roll/population	\$2,929
Alcoholic Beverage License	Allocation based on \$0.15 per person	\$16
Business Tax		\$33,800
Interest	Allocation based on .043% of total revenue	\$38
Sheriff and Police Fees	Allocation based on population	\$189
Administrative Reimbursement	Allocated based on tax roll/population	\$1,766
Cash Carryover	Allocated based on tax roll/population	\$5,364
Miscellaneous Revenues	Allocation based on \$.38 per person	\$39
Revenue to UMSA		\$83,456
Cost of Providing UMSA Services		
Police Department UMSA Police Budget (without specialized)		\$258,196
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Dept.	Based on cost of parks	\$0
Right-of-Way Maintenance Centerline Miles	Centerline miles times cost per lane mile	\$4,595
Policy Formulation Commission, Mayor, County Attorney	Direct Cost multiplied by 2.7%	\$7,095
Internal Support Information Technology, Internal Services, Human Resources Communications, Audit and Management, Management and Budget	Direct Cost multiplied by 4.3%	\$11,300
Planning and Non-Departmental Regulatory and Economic Resources, Rec. and Culture, Economic Development, Neighborhood Infrastructure	Direct Cost multiplied by 6.88%	\$18,080
Cost of Providing UMSA Services		\$299,267
Net to UMSA		(\$215,811)
1. Does not include gas tax funded projects 2. Does not include canal maintenance revenues or expenses 3. Does not include proprietary activities: Building, Zoning, Solid Waste 4. Does not include Fire and Library Districts 5. Revenues are based on allocations not actuals Disclaimer: These calculations do not represent a projected or suggested municipal budget. They indicate only the fiscal impact of this area's incorporation on the remaining UMSA.		
2022 Taxable Property Rolls		\$15,608,303
2022 Area Population		104
2022 UMSA Population		1,191,683
2022-23 UMSA Millage		1.909
Patrollable Sq. Miles - UMSA		207.90
Total Calls For Service - UMSA CY 2021		602,032
Part 1 Crimes - UMSA 2021		27,785
Part 2 Crimes - UMSA 2021		12,221
Patrollable Sq. Miles - Study Area		0.61
Total Calls for Service - Study Area		65
Part 1 Crimes - Study Area		9
Part 2 Crimes - Study Area		0
Cost per Centerline Mile		\$2,872
Number of Centerline Miles		1.6
Per Capita Taxable Value		\$150,080



Application for the Annexation of Area "J"



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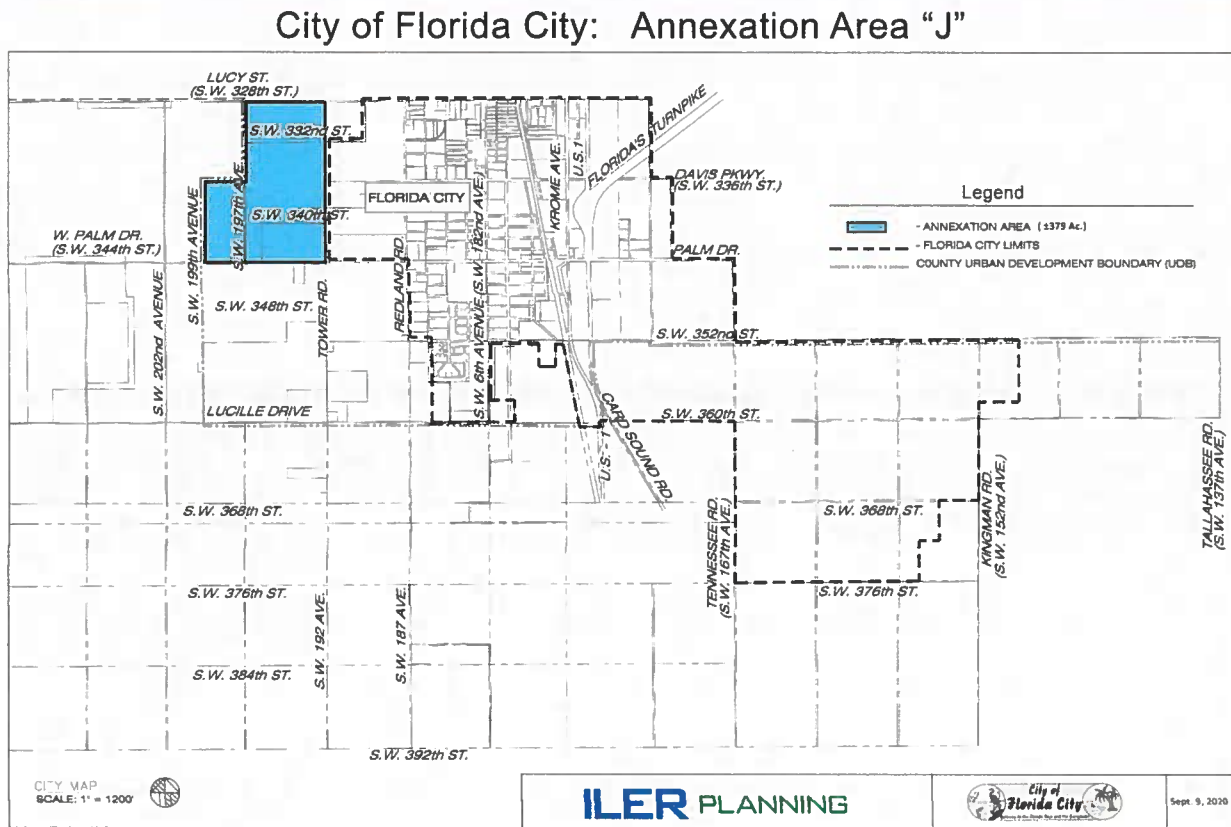
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E: Certificate of County Supervisor of Registration

F: Residential Development Certificate

Figure 1: Annexation Area "J"



I. Area Description

Area "J" is comprised of 96 parcels. The primary land use is agriculture, covering 288 acres or 71% of the Area. Single homes on large lots are the next largest existing land use, comprising 50 acres or 12% of Area "J". These homes are primarily concentrated in the northern part of the Area. The remainder of Area "J" is essentially undeveloped. Total assessed value of all property in the Area is \$13.2 million and total taxable value is \$11.3 million. An aerial photograph of Area "J" is provided below in Figure 2.

The Area is adjacent to the Florida City boundary along its east boundary which is SW 192nd Avenue. Land use around Area "J" consists primarily of vacant and agricultural land in unincorporated areas to the south, west and north. To the east in Florida City, the land is generally vacant except for an apartment complex located on SW 192nd Avenue, north of SW 340th Street. Several single family home and townhomes projects are under construction east of SW 192nd Avenue. The "Robert is Here" vegetable and fruit stand is located just outside the Area at the southwest corner of SW 344th Street and SW 192nd Avenue.

Figure 2: Annexation Area "J" - Aerial Photograph



II. Land Use and Zoning

Future Land Use

Area "J" has two (2) future land use designations pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Future Land Use Map as provided below.

- * Estate Density Residential (EDR) permitting 1 - 2.5 dwelling units per acre.
- * Low Density Residential (LDR) permitting 2.5 - 6 dwelling units per acre.

The LDR area is approximately 60 acres in size and located northwest of the intersection of SW 344th Street and SW 192nd Avenue, with frontage on SW 192nd Avenue. It has a special designation on the Land Use Map which allows development one density level higher than the standard LDR density, so it can be developed with residential use of between 6 and 13 units per acre.

The EDR designation covers the remainder of Area "J" and is approximately 320 acres in size. A portion of this area, estimated to be 80 acres in size, also has the special designation which allows it to develop one density level higher than the standard EDR density, so this 80-acre area can develop at between 2.5 to 6 dwelling units per acre under the County future land use system. This special area is located south of (theoretical) SW 336th Street and west of (theoretical) SW 197th Avenue.

In addition, the two (2) areas with the special residential density designations mentioned above (total 140 acres) are subject to a Declaration of Restrictions recorded in 2007 which limits the maximum number of units to 940 over the entire 140 acres. The Declaration also requires that SW 344th Street between SW 182nd Avenue and SW 192nd Avenue be constructed as a 4-lane, divided roadway by the time the 255th certificate of occupancy is issued for development.

If annexation is approved, the City plans to adopt future land use regulations consistent with the current MDC Future Land Use Map.

Zoning

The zoning pattern in Area "J" is a combination of residential single family zoning comprising approximately 260 acres and agricultural zoning covering an estimated 120 acres.

III. Grounds for the Proposed Boundary Change

There are a number of valid grounds supporting the annexation of Area “J” into the boundaries of the City of Florida City as discussed below.

Faster and More Cost-Effective Governmental Services

Given the close proximity of Florida City’s existing governmental facilities to the subject Area, the City can provide enhanced public services more cost-effectively and in less time than Miami-Dade County. The primary services involved would be police, parks and recreation, general government, planning and zoning, potable water, stormwater management and local road maintenance.

Area “J” is currently served by the Miami-Dade Police Department from its South District Station located at 10800 SW 211th Street, approximately 15 miles from the Area. The City’s Police Headquarters at 404 West Palm Drive is one (1) mile from Area “J”. Via a mutual aid agreement with Miami-Dade County Police, City officers respond to calls in the Area when County officers are not readily-available. Due to the proximity of facilities, Florida City Police can provide much faster emergency and routine response to Area “J”.

There are no County parks near Florida City. The City’s Loren Roberts Park, 9 acres in size, is located one (1) mile east of Area “J”. The City also has a 7.5-acre park planned on SW 336th Street between SW 187th Avenue and SW 192nd Avenue, less than ½ mile from the Area. Thus, the City can provide nearby recreational facilities and services to the Area.

Planning, zoning and building services are very important to residents and other property owners. Currently Area “J” property owners must travel either to the South Miami-Dade Government Center in Cutler Ridge, 15 miles away, or downtown to the main County Governmental Center, 30 miles distant. The property owners and residents in Area “J” will benefit greatly from highly accessible City planning, zoning and building services that are only one (1) mile away in City Hall at 404 West Palm Drive.

Local general government services will be much closer and accessible with annexation. City Hall is only one (1) mile away from Area “J”. County general government services are located at the South Miami-Dade Government Center in Cutler Ridge, 15 miles away, or downtown to the main County Administrative Center, 30 miles from Area “J”.

The City owns and operates a water plant with a capacity of 4 MGD (million gallons per day) that serves the city, and maintains the local water distribution system. With annexation, the City would like to request that it be approved to provide potable water service in Area “J”. The City’s water plant has adequate long-term capacity to serve the eventual development of the Area.

The City maintains the local drainage and road systems within its boundaries and its Public Works Department has documented experience in maintaining these systems. If annexation occurs, these services would be transferred to Florida City on a selected basis.

No Significant Fiscal Impact on Miami-Dade County

The total taxable value of Area “J” is \$11,294,218. The current UMSA rate is 1.9283 mills, thus the Area is currently generating \$21,778 to the County General Fund annually. This annexation will have a negligible impact on the County’s budget.

Meets Code Guidelines for PAB Review

The annexation of Area “J” is consistent, and complies, with all of the 9 guidelines for Planning Advisory Board review contained in Section 20-6(b) of the County Code as discussed below.

1. It does not divide a historically-recognized community.
2. Area “J” is compatible with the existing planned land uses and zoning of the City.
3. The Area is not part of any federal/state enterprise zones, or targeted area by public agencies.
4. Public safety responses times will be significantly improved with annexation.
5. Annexation will not introduce any barriers to municipal traffic circulation.
6. Area “J” will be served by the same public service franchises as the remainder of the City, to the degree possible.
7. City is prepared to address any extraordinary emergency evacuation needs of Area “J”.
8. The Area is connected to City offices and commercial centers by public transportation.
9. Area “J” will remain in the same school district as current City residents to the degree possible.

Complies with County Commission Review Guidelines

The City’s annexation application is also consistent with the eleven (11) guidelines for review by the Board of County Commissioners contained in Section 20-7(A) of County Code as discussed below.

(1) Cohesive and Inclusive Boundaries. (a) The annexation does not divide a U. S. Census Designated Place; (b) no ethnic minority and/or lower income residents have petitioned the City to be included that are not already in Area “J”; (c) The Area is contiguous to the City of Florida City on one (1) side; (d) natural and/or built barriers, such as existing roadways and section lines, were used to the extent feasible in planning the proposed boundary.

(2) Property Tax Cost. The current adopted millage rate for the City of Florida City is 7.2946 mills. The current County Urban Municipal Service Area (UMSA) tax rate for unincorporated property owners is 1.9283 mills. If the Area “J” is annexed into Florida City, the property owners would begin paying the City’s millage rate of 7.2946 mills and the County’s UMSA rate (1.9283 mills) would be removed, leaving a difference of 5.3663 mills in additional property

tax. Developed single family parcels in the Area typically range in taxable value between \$100,000 to \$300,000. Using an average value of \$200,000, the homeowner in that case would pay an additional \$1,073 annually in local property tax or \$89/month. The agricultural parcels in the Area differ in taxable value greatly from \$22,000 up to \$350,000, however many are below \$100,000. Using \$100,000 as an average, this owner would pay an additional \$537 in local property taxes or \$45/month.

(3) Urban Development Boundary. The Area "J" annexation area is within the County's established Urban Development Boundary (UDB). The west boundary of the Area is congruent with the UDB.

(4) Impact on UMSA. This annexation will have a negligible impact on the UMSA revenue base; reducing it by an estimated \$21,778 annually. The annexation will not adversely impact the County's ability to efficiently and effectively provide service to remaining unincorporated areas, and in fact should increase overall efficiency by allowing the County to refocus resources to better serve other unincorporated areas closer to its district service centers.

(5) Taxable Value. The 2021 taxable property value of Area "J" is \$11,294,218.

(6) Other Factors. This guideline is not applicable.

(7) Special or Unique Circumstances. Area "J" has no unique or special circumstances.

(8) Designated Terminals. Area "J" contains no areas designated as terminals on the County's Adopted Land Use Plan Map.

(9) Regulatory Authority over Designated Terminals. Area "J" contains no areas designated as terminals on the County's Adopted Land Use Plan Map.

(10) Impact of Annexation on Businesses. This is a residential area thus there will be no impact on businesses resulting from this annexation.

(11) Community Redevelopment Agency. The Florida City Community Redevelopment Agency boundary does not include this Area.

IV. Service Provision

The City's service provision plan is outlined below.

Police Protection

Area "J" is currently served by the Miami-Dade Police Department from its South District Station located at 10800 SW 211th Street, approximately 15 miles from the Area. The City's Police Headquarters at 404 West Palm Drive is one (1) mile from Area "J". Via a mutual aid agreement with Miami-Dade County Police, City officers are available to respond to calls in the Area. Due to the proximity of facilities, Florida City Police can provide much faster response to Area "J".

Fire Protection

Currently, Area "J" is part of the County Fire Service District and that will not change with annexation. Fire and emergency medical services are now provided by the Miami-Dade County Fire Department from Fire Station No. 65 at 1350 SE 24th Street in Homestead.. The County is planning a new station on West Palm Drive, just west of Redland Road which is ½ mile from Area "J".

Water Supply and Distribution

The City owns and operates a water plant with a capacity of 4 MGD (million gallons per day) that serves the City, as well as, maintains the local water distribution system. While Area "J" is currently in the County's Water Service District. With annexation, the City would like to request that Area "J" be transferred to the City for water service. The City's water plant has adequate capacity to serve the eventual development of the Area.

Collection and Treatment of Wastewater

Wastewater treatment will be provided by the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Authority Department. The City maintains the local wastewater collection system and will extend that system into the Area as future development occurs.

Garbage and Refuse Collection and Disposal

Garbage and refuse collection and disposal services will be provided by Miami-Dade County via service agreement with a local hauler.

Electric Service and Street Lighting

Electric service and the street lighting system in Florida City is installed and maintained by Florida Power and Light (FPL). It is expected that FPL will provide these services to Area “J”. It is anticipated that the standards for future street lighting in Area “J” would be fully consistent with the Florida Building Code and State Energy Code.

Street Construction and Maintenance

Street construction and maintenance of municipal roads will be the responsibility of City of Florida City. The Interlocal Agreement between the County and City for the annexation will detail which roads and associated rights-of-way in and around Area “J” will be transferred to the City, and all other roads that will remain under Miami-Dade County ownership.

Park and Recreation Facilities and Services

Park and recreation facilities and services will be provided by the City’s Parks and Recreation Department after annexation.

Building Permitting and Inspection

The City maintains a full-service Building Division within the Community Development Department which processes building permits, conducts building inspections, and issues citations for Building Code violations. All applicable federal, state, regional and county stormwater management and environmental permits are required to be obtained prior to the issuance of any City building permit.

Zoning Administration

The City of Florida City provides full zoning services to its residents now via its Community Development Department and with annexation the same services would be available to Area “J” residents and property owners.

Local Planning Services

Comprehensive planning services in the City are also provided by the Community Development Department. Florida City would provide these services to Area “J” property owners with annexation.

Stormwater Management

The Florida City Public Works Department maintains the local drainage system throughout the City currently and will provide the same service level to Area "J" with annexation. The Interlocal Agreement between the County and City for the annexation will detail which canals and other drainage facilities will be transferred to Florida City and all other stormwater facilities that will remain under Miami-Dade County jurisdiction.

General Government

The City of Florida City is a municipal corporation established under Florida Statutes and the Miami-Dade County Charter, and governed by an elected Mayor and four (4) City Commissioners. The City provides the full spectrum of general government services and would extend those services to Area "J" residents and owners with annexation.

V. Timetable for Supplying Services

Pursuant to Section 20-3(F) (3) of the Miami-Dade County Code, a timetable for City services to be available to Area "J" is required and is provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Timetable for Supplying Services to Area "J"

Service	Timetable
Police Protection	Immediately
Fire Protection	(County)
Water Supply and Distribution	Immediately*
Collection and Treatment of Wastewater	(City/County)
Garbage and Refuse Collection and Disposal	(County)
Electric Service and Street Lighting	(FPL)
Street Construction and Maintenance	Immediately
Park and Recreation Facilities and Services	Immediately
Building Inspection	Immediately
Zoning Administration	Immediately
Local Planning Services	Immediately
Stormwater Management	Immediately
General Government	Immediately

* The City is requesting that the water service area for Area "J" be transferred to the City.

VI. Financing of Services

Financing of the services noted in Section V are detailed below.

Police Protection

The Florida City Police Department is funded through the City's General Fund. If Area "J" is annexed into the City, increased property tax collections from the area will help pay for police and public safety services needed.

Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Fire and emergency medical services will continue to be provided by the County's Fire Department.

Water Supply and Distribution

The City is requesting that Area "J" be transferred into the City's water service area. If this occurs, costs will be funded through the City's established water system connection and usage charges.

Collection and Treatment of Wastewater

Wastewater collection and treatment services will continue to be provided by the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Authority Department.

Garbage and Refuse Collection and Disposal

Garbage and refuse collection and disposal will continue to be provided by Miami-Dade County.

Street Lighting

Electric service and street lighting will continue to be provided by Florida Power and Light (FPL) through user fees.

Street Construction and Maintenance

Local street construction and maintenance will be funded through the City's General Fund and impact fees. Also, private developers are required in some instances to construct/resurface roads in order to meet the City's level-of-service standards

Parks and Recreation Facilities and Services

Parks and recreation facilities and services will be funded by the City’s General Fund and impact fees.

Building Inspection

Building permitting and inspections are paid for by permit fees collected from private developers, owners, and residents as project applications are submitted.

Zoning Administration

Zoning administration services will be funded by fees collected from private developers, owners and residents with the submittal of zoning applications, as well as the City’s General Fund.

Local Planning Services

Local planning services will be funded from the City’s General Fund and from fees collected from private developers and property owners seeking Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Stormwater Management

Stormwater management and maintenance will be funded through the City’s General Fund and impact fees. Also, private developers are required in some instances to make drainage improvements in the public right-of-way in order to meet the City’s stormwater level-of-service standards.

General Government

General government services will be funded from the City’s General Fund.

VII. Tax Load

The current adopted millage rate for the City of Florida City is 7.2946 mills. The current County Urban Municipal Service Area (UMSA) tax rate for unincorporated property owners is 1.9283 mills. If Area "J" is annexed into Florida City, the property owners would begin paying the City's millage rate of 7.2946 mills and the County's UMSA rate (1.9283 mills) would be removed from tax bills, leaving a difference of 5.3663 mills in additional local property tax. The total taxable value of all parcels in Area "J" is \$11,294,218 according to the County Property Appraiser's Office. Under the UMSA rate this generates \$21,778 in annual taxes to the County. If annexed, the Area would generate \$82,385 in property taxes to Florida City.

Developed single family parcels in the Area typically range in taxable value between \$100,000 to \$300,000. Using an average value of \$200,000, the homeowner in that case would pay an additional \$1,073 annually in local property tax or \$89/month. The agricultural parcels in the Area differ in taxable value greatly from \$22,000 up to \$350,000, however many are below \$100,000. Using \$100,000 as an average, the owner would pay an additional \$537 in local property taxes or \$45/month.

VIII. Conclusion

Florida City is in the best position to serve the unincorporated Area "J". The City is a full-service municipal government serving its residents for 90+ years. The points below summarize the reasons why this annexation proposal is good for Florida City and Miami-Dade County.

- Florida City is in the unique position to provide significantly more cost-effective, accessible and enhanced governmental services to Area "J" owners and eventual residents.
- Police response times will be substantially reduced, thus increasing public safety.
- City Hall is within one (1) mile of Area "J"; much closer and accessible to residents than the County's downtown Administrative Center (30 miles away) and South Dade Service Center (15 miles away).
- The fiscal impact on the County's budget will be extremely negligible.
- Miami-Dade County current and future service costs associated with Area "J" will be eliminated.
- The Florida City annexation application is fully consistent, and in compliance, with all applicable PAB and BOCC annexation review guidelines contained in County Code Sections 20-6 and 20-7.

For the reasons listed above and other supporting information presented in this Application, the City formally requests that the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners approve the annexation of Area "J" into the jurisdiction of the City of Florida City.

Exhibit A

FLORIDA CITY COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 21-43

RESOLUTION NO. 21-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE FLORIDA CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TRANSMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE ANNEXATION OF AREA "J" INTO THE JURISDICTION OF FLORIDA CITY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 20 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Florida City desires to annex Area "J" (the "Area") into the City's jurisdictional boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Area is approximately 379 acres in size and generally located northwest of the intersection of SW 192nd Avenue and SW 344th Street; and

WHEREAS, Annexation Area "J" is legally-described in Exhibit A and a map of the Area is contained in Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the City is preparing an annexation application for the Area to submit to Miami-Dade County for review and approval, pursuant to County Code Chapter 20; and

WHEREAS, a notice of the public hearing was sent to all Area "J" property owners and owners of property within 600 feet outside of the Area, and published in a newspaper of general circulation prior to the hearing, consistent with Chapter 20 of the County Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the proposed annexation is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the Florida City Comprehensive Development Master Plan, and will be in the best long-term interest of Florida City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FLORIDA CITY, THAT:

Section 1. All of the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as an integral part of this resolution.

Section 2. The Mayor is given full authority to submit the Area "J" annexation application to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Miami-Dade County Code..

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

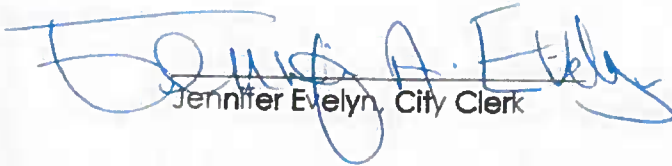
RESOLUTION NO: 21-43

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Florida City, Florida this 10th day of August, 2021.

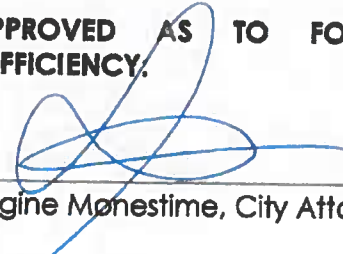


Otis T. Wallace, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Evelyn, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY.


Regine Monestime, City Attorney

Offered by: Mayor

Motion to adopt by Comm. Gold seconded by Vice Mayor Butler

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Otis T. Wallace

Y

Vice Mayor Sharon Butler

Y

Commissioner R.S. Shiver

Y

Commissioner Eugene D. Berry

ABSENT

Commissioner James Gold

Y

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ~~DADE~~ MIAMI


Jennifer A. Evelyn
City Clerk

~~Of the City of Florida City, Florida do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.~~
WITNESS, my hand and the seal of said City

this 10th day of August AD 2021

By 

EXHIBIT A

ANNEXATION AREA "J"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Begin at the intersection of the centerlines of SW 328th Street and SW 192nd Avenue; then proceed south along the centerline of SW 192nd Avenue to the intersection with the centerline of SW 344th Street; then proceed west along the centerline of SW 344th Street to the intersection with (theoretical) SW 199th Avenue; then proceed north along (theoretical) SW 199th Avenue to the intersection with (theoretical) SW 336th Street; then proceed east along (theoretical) SW 336th Street to the intersection with (theoretical) SW 197th Avenue; then proceed north along (theoretical) SW 197th Avenue to the intersection with the centerline of SW 328th Street; then proceed east along the centerline of SW 328th Street to the intersection with the centerline of SW 192th Avenue, the point-of-beginning.

EXHIBIT B

ANNEXATION AREA "J" MAP

City of Florida City: Annexation Area “J”

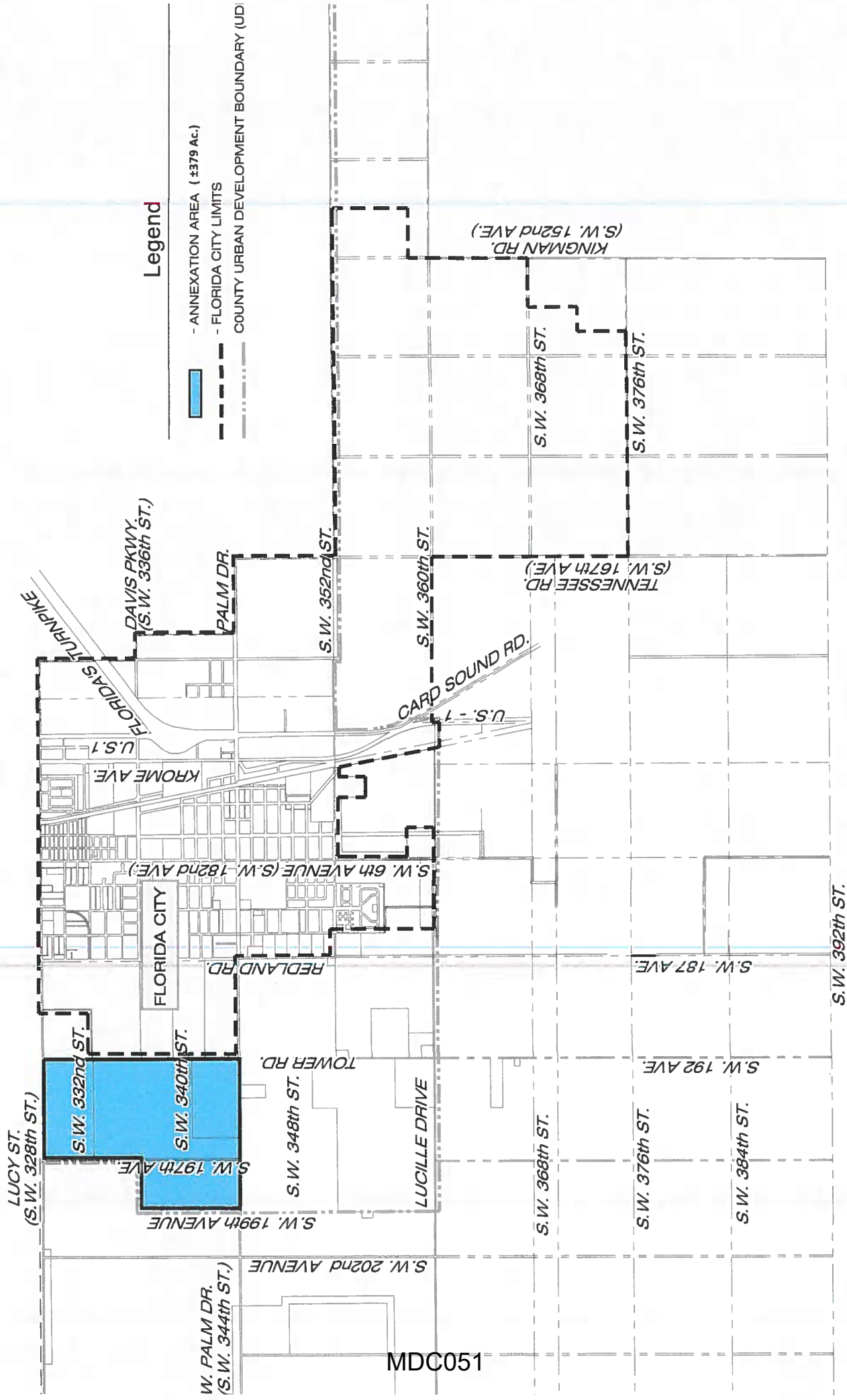


Exhibit B

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR ANNEXATION AREA "J"

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Exhibit C

LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION

REDLAND from 1A illegal truck parking. Members of RGFA have now developed a petition to propose specific changes to increase fines for illegal burning. They are seeking support for the petition to finalize it in order to begin the process of submitting to Miami-Dade County.

As per Michael Wanek, President of RHFA, "The current ordinance allows for a maximum fine of \$500 though violators are usually subject to a \$270 fine. This fine is significantly less than the costs of legally disposing large quantities of waste creating a financial incentive to illegally burn. This disparity has led to frequent and large illegal burns of waste which is a nuisance and harmful to the environment. The proposed modification of section 14-2 will significantly reduce the incidence of illegal burning as outlined below:

- Burning vegetative matter with a permit greater than 100 square feet = \$5 for each additional square foot of burn surface area.
- Burning vegetative matter without a

permit less than or equal to 100 square feet = \$500. Fines increase at a rate of \$5 for each additional square foot of burn surface area.

- Burning non-vegetative matter (or a mix) less than or equal to 64 square feet = \$1000. Fines increase at a rate of \$10 for each additional square foot of burn surface area.
- Material that is burned must originate from the property. If material is brought into the property, the total fine increases by 50%.
- Fines increase by 25% for night burning.
- Tire burning increases the total fine by \$100 per tire.
- For repeat offenders within 24 months, the fine doubles for the 2nd occurrence and triples for the 3rd or more occurrences.
- Reignition of a fire will be treated as a separate incident and subject to additional fines.

The process at this point is to print out the petition, sign it, fill in the information requested, scan or take a photo with cell phone and email to michaelwanek@gmail.com

PORTER from 1A and economic development in Dade County. We are the largest landowner, us and Florida City, and we have the most ability to do good things or bad things. We can do good things or we can do bad things. I'm an inclusive kind of a person, I listen to every kind of a person, I lead by building consensus. That is the choice I think we have."

Porter concluded by saying that it will be about support and thanked all who had come out to show that support. He continued, "This is our effort to see if people want us. If people want us we're going to serve. Cindy and I are offering ourselves up."



VP from 1A Left to right: Christopher Gonzalez, Desires Morales and VP Produce founder Willy Pardo are all smiles at the new packing house.

"Our growth over the past few years, combined with our vision for the future and confidence in the potential of Tropical Avocados and other tropicals, dictated the need for this new facility. We've also been following the decline of Florida avocados for years, so we also wanted to reinvest in Florida now to support the industry and growers, who have been combating laurel wilt disease and the pressure of real estate development infringing on productive groves."

The new packing house is operating with a workforce of ten which will expand to approximately twenty with seasonal peaks bringing in approximately fifteen more.

Gonzalez is optimistic about the future. "We believe the market potential for Tropical Avocados and other tropical items extends well beyond Florida and the East Coast, and we are investing heavily in introducing our Desby

brand Tropical Avocados to retailer grocers, food-service buyers, and consumers throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Our retail distribution with Publix (where you can find our Desby brand locally), Walmart, Safeway, Bristol Farms, Winn Dixie, Food Lion, and other national retail chains, demonstrates the potential of tropicals. Our expansion is already benefiting South Florida growers and our local region, and we look forward to even stronger economic gains for the region as our company's growth continues with the next generation of leadership, and through continued partnership and cooperation with South Florida growers."

For more information, go to <https://www.wpproduce.com/> and you can look through "Chef Willy's" recipes on their blog. Tel: (305) 326-8333 and follow them on Instagram at @desbyproduce.

COUNCIL from 1A LNG power. Council was skeptical. After a 2.3 mile construction project to connect to the distribution line, the facility would pay about \$400,000 a year in City taxes.

A small portion of the selected site is in the secondary crash zone for the Air Reserve Base. HARB did not object to the application. The LNG storage tanks would be surrounded by a fifteen foot high inner wall enclosed by dense landscaping and an exterior eight foot perimeter wall.

Council's initial hesitation on the application was due to a lack of job creation, the principle goal of the Park of Commerce plans. Council's final approval included the site plan and tentative re-plan for the project.

Eight Charter Review Committee recommendations were added to November's ballot with Council's unanimous approval. As discussed at the COW meeting, ballot questions include a four year mayoral term starting in 2023, filling Council vacancies, adding the "Resign to Run" rules to the Homestead's election ordinance, and adding a twelve consecutive year rule to term limits for municipal offices.

The Biscayne Everglades Greenway rail was subject of a \$1.843 million Sun Trail grant from the state. Staff awarded a 3.2 mile construction contract for the stretch along the canal

to Florida Engineering and Development Corp. from \$1,419,300 of grant monies. Staff got Council's permission to hold the \$424,410 grant balance as contingency for unforeseen conditions during the permitting phase.

A Council comment noted this project was in the works since the early 2000s and that it was nice to finally see it moving forward.

During Council reports, the Mayor's resolution supporting the Cuban people in their struggle for freedom and for basic needs by maintaining economic sanctions against the Cuban dictatorship because of its violence was unanimously approved.

Council also approved a staff-drafted letter of opposition to FDOT's preferred alternative for a constructed Florida City by-pass prior to the July 30 written deadline. The letter was addressed to Florida's Governor. Council approved a \$76,549 landscaping beautification project for English Avenue as the preferred approach to City Hall from Campbell Drive. The contract includes a \$12,000 annual maintenance budget.

Councilmember Sean Fletcher recommended adding a rescue unit to Homestead's Fire Station 66 at 3100 SE 8th Street. The resolution to the County Fire Rescue Department was unanimously approved by Council.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CITY OF FLORIDA CITY

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a City Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 7:30 PM where a resolution supporting the proposed annexation of the unincorporated area known as "Area J" into the jurisdiction of the City of Florida City will be considered. The meeting will be held in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 404 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida. All meeting attendees are invited to express their opinion on this matter.

Annexation Area "J" is approximately 379 acres in size and generally bounded on the north by SW 328th Street, on the east by SW 192nd Avenue, on the south by SW 344th Street and on the west by (theoretical) SW 197th and 199th Avenues. The legal description for Area "J" is provided below.

Legal Description: Begin at the intersection of the centerlines of SW 328th Street and SW 192nd Avenue; then proceed south along the centerline of SW 192nd Avenue to the intersection with the centerline of SW 344th Street; then proceed west along the centerline of SW 344th Street to the intersection with (theoretical) SW 199th Avenue; then proceed north along (theoretical) SW 199th Avenue to the intersection with (theoretical) SW 336th Street; then proceed east along (theoretical) SW 336th Street to the intersection with (theoretical) SW 197th Avenue; then proceed north along (theoretical) SW 197th Avenue to the intersection with the centerline of SW 328th Street; then proceed east along the centerline of SW 328th Street to the intersection with the centerline of SW 192nd Avenue, the point-of-beginning.

Anyone desiring to appeal any decision of the City Commission must arrange for a verbatim record of the proceedings, including testimony and evidence upon which any appeal may be issued (RS. 286.0105). Information regarding these requests is available at the Florida City Community Development Department (305) 242-8178. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this proceeding because of that disability should contact the Office of the City Clerk, 404 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida, at (305) 247-8221, no later than two business days prior to such proceeding.

Jennifer Evelyn
City Clerk
July 30, 2021



CITY OF HOMESTEAD

2021 ELECTIONS QUALIFYING PERIOD

THE QUALIFICATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE TO RUN FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER OR MAYOR IN THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SHALL COMMENCE AUGUST 30, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 03, 2021 FROM 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM DAILY.

EL PERIODO DE CALIFICACIÓN PARA CANDIDATOS INTERESADOS EN LA OPORTUNIDAD DE SERVIR COMO MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO O ALCALDE EN LAS ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES DEL AÑO 2021 COMENZARÁ EL 30 DE AGOSTO, 2021 Y TERMINARÁ EL 3 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2021 DE 8:30 AM A 4:30 PM DIARIAMENTE.

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Elizabeth Sewell, MPA, MMC
City Clerk
July 30, 2021

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Exhibit D

**AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING MAILING OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TO AFFECTED
PROPERTY OWNERS**



Community Development Department

August 27, 2021

Re: Annexation Area J

Certification of Mail Out

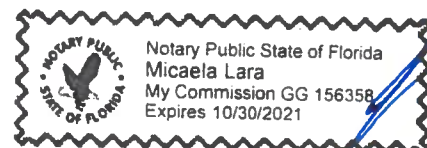
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this to serve as certification that the public notice to the property owners of the above referenced legal description within a 600' circumference of said legal description were mailed out on July 30, 2021. If you should have any questions, please contact me at 305-242-8178.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lyle
Community Development Director



8/27/2021



The Zoning
Specialists Group, Inc.

July 16, 2021

**Cindy Lyle, Assistant Director
Community Development Department
City of Florida City
404 West Palm Drive
Florida City, FL 33034**

RE: Property Owners List within 600 feet of:

PROJECT: CITY OF FLORIDA CITY ANNEXATION "J" (WEST)

FOR: CITY OF FLORIDA CITY

ORDER: 210708

Total number of property owners without repetition: 106

This is to certify that the attached ownership list, map and mailing matrix is a complete and accurate representation of the real estate property and property owners lying within 600 feet of the subject property listed above. This reflects the most current records on the file in Miami-Dade County Tax Assessor's Office.

Sincerely,

THE ZONING SPECIALISTS GROUP, INC.

**Omara R. Lopez,
For the Firm**

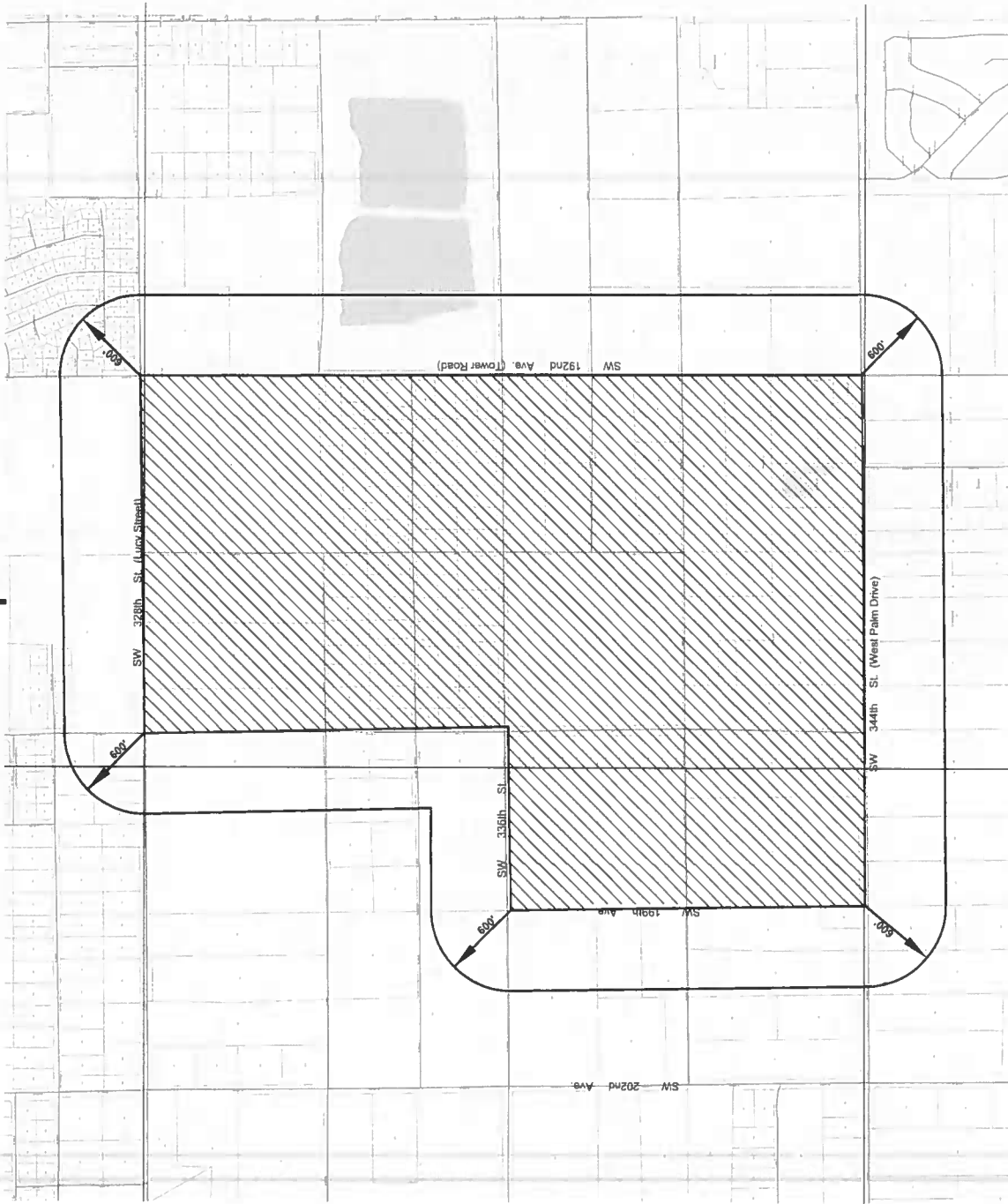
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Phone: 305 828-1210
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600-foot radius map of Annexation Area "J"

ORDER NUMBER: 210708
DATE: July 16, 2021



SCALE: 1"= 800'



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Exhibit E

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF REGISTRATION



Elections
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Miami, Florida 33172
T 305-499-8683 F 305-499-8547
TTY 305-499-8480

miamidade.gov

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

I, Christina White, Supervisor of Elections of Miami-Dade County, Florida, do hereby certify the proposed City of Florida City Annexation Area "J", as shown in the attached map, has 83 voters as of August 2, 2021.

WITNESS MY HAND
AND OFFICIAL SEAL,
AT MIAMI, MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ON THIS 5th DAY OF
AUGUST, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "C. White", written over a horizontal line.

Christina White
Supervisor of Elections

City of Florida City: Annexation Area "J"

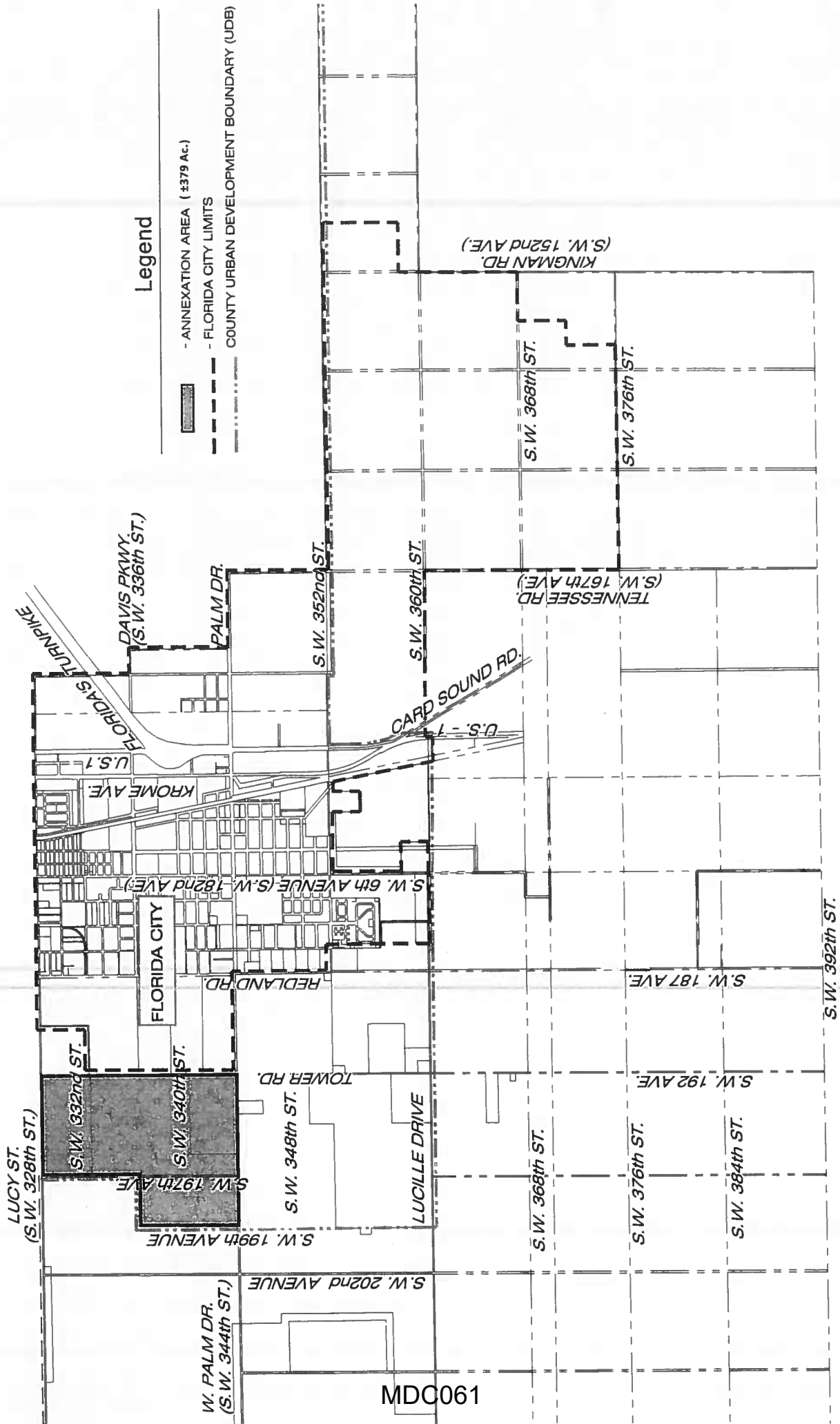


Exhibit F

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE



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Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
Planning Division, Planning Research and Economic Analysis Section
111 NW 1 Street • 12th Floor
Miami, Florida 33128-1902
Telephone: 305-375-2845 Fax: 305-375-2560
www.miamidade.gov/planning

August 9, 2020

Henry Iler, AICP
President/Principal
Iler Planning Inc.
1688 Meridian Avenue
Suite 720
Miami Beach, Fla. 33139

Subject: Certification of the City of Florida City Proposed Annexation Area "J"

Dear Mr. Iler:

This serves to certify that in accordance with Sec. 20-9 (a) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I have determined that:

- The proposed annexation area described below is less than 50 percent developed residential. According to the August 2021 land use records as shown in the attached table and map, there are 49.7 acres of land in residential use (12.2 percent) within the proposed annexation area. The land area of the proposed annexation is approximately 406.9 acres.
- The proposed annexation area shown is the attached map.

If I can be of further assistance or if additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 375-2835 or Jerry.Bell@miamidade.gov.

Sincerely,

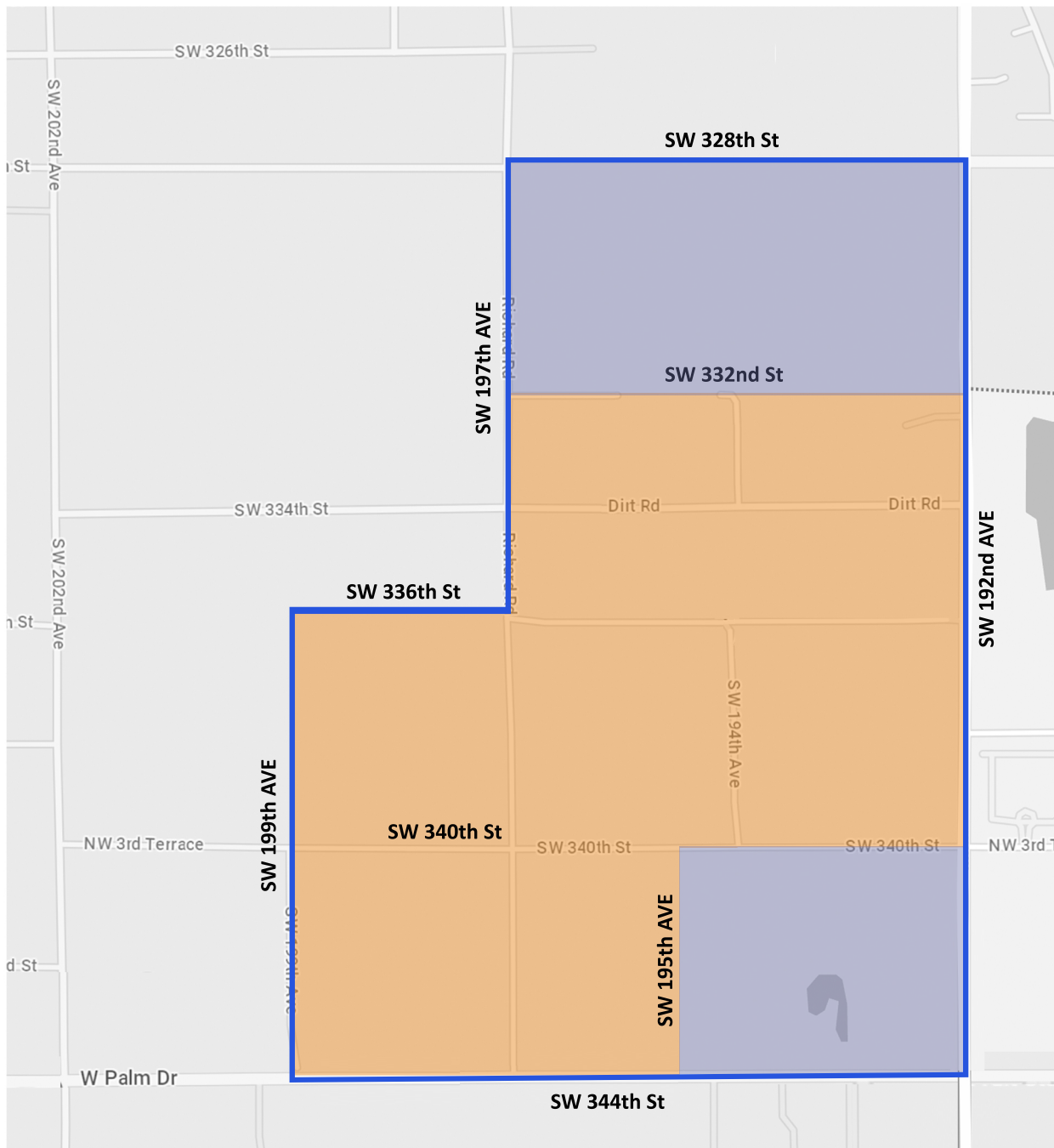
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry Bell".

Jerry Bell, AICP
Assistant Director for Planning

JB/MA/ma
Attachments

MDC063

Proposed City Zoning Plan



LEGEND

- Annexation Area "J"
- RS-1 Residential Estate District (Minimum 15,000 Sq. Ft. lots)
- AU Agricultural Use District (Minimum 5 Acre lots)



EXHIBIT 3

RESOLUTION 23-5

**RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PLANNING
ADVISORY BOARD PROVIDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THE PROPOSED
ANNEXATION OF THE AREA COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS
“AREA J” BY THE CITY OF FLORIDA CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Florida City has submitted an application (the “Application”) to annex the area commonly referred to as “Area J” that is generally described below:

Boundaries: The unincorporated area generally bounded on the north by SW 328 Street; on the east by SW 192 Avenue; on the south by SW 344 Street; and on the west by theoretical SW 197 Avenue and theoretical SW 199 Avenue.

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners referred the Application to the Planning Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2023, the Planning Advisory Board held a properly noticed and advertised public hearing concerning the Application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD, that it recommends the Board of County Commissioners Adopt the proposed “Area J” annexation by the City of Florida City.

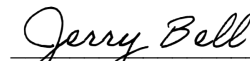
The foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Gadinsky. Board Member Lago seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed 7 to 2 as follows:

Lynette Cardoch	Absent	Michael Montiel	Absent
Carlos Diaz-Padron	Yes	J. Wil Morris	Absent
Eric Fresco	Yes	William Riley	Yes
Seth Gadinsky	Yes	Daniel Rogers	Absent
Horacio C. Huembes	Absent	Mikhaile Solomon	Absent
Frank Lago	Yes	Ernie Thomas	No
William McRea	Yes		

Carla Ascencio-Savola, Vice Chair, No
Max Losner, Chair, Yes

The Chair thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of November 2023.

I hereby certify that the above information reflects the action of the Board.


Lourdes M. Gomez, AICP, Director
Department of Regulatory and
Economic Resources