

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 16, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: James Slaton, City Manager

FROM: Mark J. Bennett, Development Services Director

RE: Ordinance 2022-40 – 1st Reading Chapter 180 Utility Service Area Boundary

SYNOPSIS: *Staff proposes an amendment to Chapter 21, Utilities, to create the Lake Wales Exclusive Utility System Service Area.*

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2022-40 on first reading.

BACKGROUND

In 1994, the City entered into a water and wastewater interlocal agreement with Polk County to define service area boundaries. This agreement was not renewed when it expired in 2014.

In 1998, the City adopted Ordinance 98-06, which created the utility service area lying five (5) miles outside the corporate limits of the City. This ordinance was passed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 180, Florida Statutes. Ordinance 2005-22, passed on June 21, 2005, subsequently revoked the previous ordinance.

On January 6, 2009, Ordinance 2008-42 was passed. This Ordinance established a Chapter 180 Utility Service Area along State Road 60 west of US Highway 27.

Currently, the City has experienced an increase in development activity on the periphery of the City. To address this activity, and ensure that the City is the primary provider of utilities in this area, Ordinance 2022-40 is proposed. This ordinance, which would create an Exclusive Utility System Service Area, allows the City to be the exclusive provider of water, wastewater, alternative water supply, reclaimed water, aquifer storage and recovery, and desalination systems and services within this area.

The establishment of the Service Area is key to the City's planning efforts. The Service Area designation, combined with the work occurring as part of the Land Use Study, along with the pending Multi-Modal Transportation Impact Fee and Mobility Plan, will ensure that the necessary planning is in place to account for future growth and development.

OTHER OPTIONS

Keep existing boundary.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance 2022-40 with Exhibit of legal description/map of boundary

Map of proposed Chapter 180 Service Area