

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 171, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT ACT, INITIATING THE PROCESS PROVIDED FOR THEREUNDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE ISSUES MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 171, Fla. Stat., entitled the “Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement Act” (Act), provides an alternative to Part I of said Chapter for local governments regarding the annexation of territory into a municipality and the subtraction of territory from the unincorporated area of the county; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the process set forth within the Act is to promote sensible boundaries that reduce the cost of local government, avoid duplicating local services and increase political transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, §171.044(1), Fla. Stat. prohibits the voluntary annexation of property that is not contiguous to a municipality and within an enclave; and

WHEREAS, given the highly urban character of the Pinellas County, a more flexible process providing for municipalities to voluntarily annex non-contiguous property within an enclave is appropriate and desirable within Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to initiate discussions with those invited municipalities listed in Exhibit A regarding the development of an interlocal service boundary agreement as defined in Part II, Chapter 171, Florida Statutes, to permit non-contiguous, voluntary annexation of property within an enclave as defined in §171.031(13)(a), Fla. Stat.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, as follows:

1. The governing body of Pinellas County hereby invites the municipalities listed in Exhibit A to enter into negotiations under the Act to address the issue as defined in paragraph 3 for the areas identified below and as set forth in Exhibit B.

2. The governing body of Pinellas County hereby defines the area to be considered as the areas within the geographical boundaries of Pinellas County as set forth in §7.52, Fla. Stat., that meet the definition of an enclave as defined in §171.031(13)(a), Fla. Stat. (2010), as “any unincorporated improved or developed area that is enclosed within and bounded on all sides by a single municipality.”

3. The governing body of Pinellas County hereby identifies the sole issue to be negotiated as the ability of a municipality to voluntarily annex property that is not contiguous to the municipality as defined in §171.031(11), Fla. Stat. and is located within an enclave as defined in paragraph 2 above.

4. The Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution by United States Certified Mail to the Chief Administrative Officer of every invited municipality, as set forth in Exhibit A. The Clerk is further directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Chief Administrative Officer of each independent special district, as set forth in Exhibit C.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved for its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ upon the roll call the vote was:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent and not voting: