

RESOLUTION NO. (2025) 717

A TIME-LIMITED RESOLUTION TO DELINEATE AREAS OUTSIDE THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH FOR WHICH IT WILL ACCEPT ANNEXATION PETITIONS

WHEREAS, annexation into the corporate limits of the City of Raleigh is a voluntary process initiated by the property owners within the area requested for annexation by petition; and

WHEREAS, State law authorizes the City Council to grant annexation requests for property contiguous to its corporate limits in accordance with the requirements stated in N.C.G.S. §160A-31, including a complete petition and a public hearing. With each annexation by the City, additional land adjacent to the newly annexed land becomes “contiguous” and thereby eligible under State law to petition for annexation; and

WHEREAS, State law also authorizes the voluntary annexation of noncontiguous areas and those outside the City’s extraterritorial jurisdiction (“ETJ”) under certain circumstances; however, the City of Raleigh’s policy since at least 2008 has been not to accept annexation petitions for property outside the City’s extraterritorial ETJ or in areas formally under consideration for ETJ expansion with some limited exceptions. The City of Raleigh’s current policy regarding the acceptance of annexation petitions outside the ETJ was established on June 21, 2022 by Resolution (2022) 380. Current policy allows annexation petitions for property outside the ETJ that is adjacent or in close proximity to existing City of Raleigh water and sewer lines and is either (i) adjacent to the contiguous city limits of Raleigh or (ii) is adjacent to satellite city limits of Raleigh; and

WHEREAS, City Council has a desire to plan for growth, development, and infrastructure within its corporate limits, ETJ, and urban service areas in a manner to provide a high quality of services for existing and future residents and as such, has directed City staff to evaluate the City’s annexation practices and growth policies tied to water and sewer service; and

WHEREAS, during this period of evaluation, City Council desires to limit the property outside the ETJ that is adjacent to or in close proximity to existing City of Raleigh water and sewer lines from which it will accept petitions for annexation into the corporate limits of the City of Raleigh pursuant to Resolution (2022) 380 to the property that is identified on the Map of Priority Annexation Areas, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. Where either Sections 2.g. or 2.h. of Resolution (2022) 380 are the basis for the allowance of the submission of an annexation petition, only properties which are identified on Exhibit A (“Priority Annexation Areas”) are eligible to submit an annexation petition. Sections 1. and 2.a. through 2.f remain in effect as stated.

Section 2. The term of this resolution shall be for a period of 12 months beginning on the effective date of this resolution and applies to any annexation petition submitted on or after the effective date.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution shall be filed with the City of Raleigh City Clerk's Office.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective five days following its adoption.

Adopted: October 21, 2025

Effective: October 26, 2025

Distribution: City Council
City Manager Department Heads

Exhibit A:
Priority Annexation Areas

