

RESOLUTION NO. (2026) 822

AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. (2025) 717 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 October 21, 2025, by Resolution (2025) 717 and on June 21, 2022 by Resolution (2022) 380. Current policy allows annexation petitions for property outside the ETJ only for properties which are identified on Exhibit A (“Priority Annexation Areas”) and subject to the requirements of Section 1 contained within Resolution (2025) 717; and

WHEREAS, Resolution (2022) 380 remains effective by reference per the language of Resolution (2025) 717 and 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 Resolutions (2025) 717 and (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 Resolution (2025) 717 is hereby amended and shall remain in effect for a period of 9 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 resolution shall become effective five days following its adoption.

Adopted: October 20, 2026

Effective: October 25, 2026

Distribution: City Council
 City Manager
 Department Heads