

The neighborhood in question predates adoption of WASMPBA in 2001. At that time, the Town of Chapel Hill had an interest in reducing the size of the water and sewer service area in southern Chapel Hill. OWASA and the Town put a policy in place that allowed lots to still receive water and sewer service if the “structure existed before May 8, 2000 and is located on a lot adjacent to an OWASA water or sewer line that was installed before May 8, 2000”. During staff review, the appropriateness of a minor boundary amendment to prevent the boundary line from bisecting a neighborhood was highlighted. Staffs believe that, particularly in cases such as this where services already exist and/or are being provided and property owners are requesting inclusion, it is appropriate to include served parcels in the “Primary Service Area” for water and sewer services. OWASA staff have advised that, from an engineering perspective, it is feasible to provide water and sewer service to all 11 lots under consideration (9 of the lots already receive services). A vicinity map is included as *Attachment C*.

The meeting schedule for the five WASMPBA parties to consider this amendment is as follows:

Chapel Hill - October 28

Hillsborough - November 9

Carrboro - November 10

OWASA - November 12

Orange County - November 17

Attachment A is a Resolution to approve the amendments with a map exhibit included. Amendments to the WASMPBA require approval of all five signatory parties through the regular agenda/decision process; a public hearing is not required. As the initiator of this amendment, since the parcels in question are within its planning jurisdiction, the Town of Chapel Hill’s resolution requested that the governing boards of the Town of Carrboro, the Town of Hillsborough, Orange County, and OWASA consider approval of the amendment.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: No extraordinary staff and fiscal impacts are anticipated with adoption of the amendment. Some additional development potential and associated property tax revenues would be expected with development served by water and sewer services in the areas added to the Primary Service Area.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Town Council consider adoption of the resolution (*Attachment A*) approving an amendment to the Water and Sewer Management, Planning, and Boundary Agreement to adjust the Primary Service Area boundary and include the noted lots in the Hunt’s Reserve neighborhood.