

ORDINANCE NO. 231

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ANNETTA, TEXAS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR PETITIONS FOR RELEASE FROM THE TOWN'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Annetta, Texas is a Type A general-law municipality located in Parker County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas legislature passed Senate Bill 2038, which allows residents of a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction to petition for release from the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council deems it appropriate to establish procedures for establishing when a petition is considered filed; and

WHEREAS, a petition requesting release must comply with the petition requirements of Chapter 277 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2038 requires the City Secretary, or designee, to verify the petition signatures; and

WHEREAS, Town Council finds it necessary to establish a procedure for the City Secretary to verify the signature of corporate owners; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to establish an appropriate fee for processing extraterritorial jurisdiction release requests, including updating municipal maps; and

WHEREAS, the fee is not intended and shall not pay for the costs of holding an election on the question of whether to release an area from the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction if a petition for election is received by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that this Ordinance is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Annetta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEATHERFORD, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

Petitions for release from extraterritorial jurisdiction.

- (a) A petition for release or a petition to hold an election for release from the Town's

extraterritorial jurisdiction may be filed by a resident or land owner within the extraterritorial jurisdiction, as provided by Chapter 42 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended.

- (b) A petition either for release or requesting an election is considered filed when it meets the following requirements:
 - (1) The petition must comply with the signature requirements of Chapter 42 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, and Chapter 277 of the Texas Election Code, as amended;
 - (2) The petition must include a map of the land to be released and describe the boundaries of the land by either:
 - a. Metes and bounds, or
 - b. Lot and block number, if there is a recorded map or plat;
 - (3) To permit the City Secretary to verify the petition, the petition of a corporate owner must be accompanied by the following:
 - a. Date of birth of the signor;
 - b. Personal residence address of the signor;
 - c. Business entity's Certificate of Good Standing from the Texas Secretary of State;
 - d. Business entity's Articles of incorporation, certificate of formation, partnership agreement, or other corporate formation document;
 - e. Business entity's Bylaws; and
 - f. Resolution of the business entity authorizing the petition for release be executed and filed by the entity representative; and
 - (4) The petition must be accompanied by the fee specified in the Town's fee schedule.
- (c) Upon receipt of a filed petition, the Town must verify the petition. The Town shall notify the resident and landowners of the area described by the petition of its results. This may be satisfied by notifying the party who filed the petition.
- (d) If the petition for release contains the requisite number of signatures, the Town may consider the release of the area from its extraterritorial jurisdiction at a Town Council meeting within 45 days from when the petition was filed or the next meeting of the Town Council that occurs after the 30th date after the petition was

filed.

- (e) In no event will the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the Town be reduced unless the Town gives its written consent by ordinance or resolution, as require by Texas Local Government Code Section 42.023, as amended.
- (f) This section does not apply to the following properties in the extraterritorial jurisdiction:
 - (1) In an area designated as an Industrial District under Section 42.044 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended;
 - (2) In an area subject to a strategic partnership agreement with the Town; or
 - (3) Any other exceptions to release of an area by petition of a landowner or resident as described by Chapter 42 of the Local Government Code.”

SECTION 2.

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the Town of Annetta, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Town Council of the Town of Annetta that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance should be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the Town Council without incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

SECTION 4.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Annetta, Texas, this 18th day of January, 2024.

Town of Annetta, Texas



Sandy Roberts, Mayor

Attest:



Jamee Long, Town Secretary

