Agenda Item No. 6.f



Town of Mooresville Board of Commissioners

To:	Honorable Ma	ayor and Board of Commissioners
From:	Danny Wilson, Planning and Community Development	
Subject:	Annexation Agreement between Town of Mooresville and the Town of Davidson	
Туре:	Regular Agend	la
Date:	June 20, 2022	
SUMMARY:		Consider adopting the Ordinance establishing the Annexation Agreement between Town of Mooresville and the Town of Davidson
ACTION RECOMMENDED:		Adopt the Ordinance establishing the Annexation Agreement between Town of Mooresville and the Town of Davidson
ATTACHMENTS:		

Davidson Annex Agreement 6-20-2022 staff report.pdf

Mooresville-Davidson Annexation Agreement 6-13-2022.pdf



Town of Mooresville

Town Board of Commissioners Staff Report

From:	Danny Wilson, PCD Director	
Date:	June 20, 2022	
Project:	Mooresville- Davidson Annexation Agreement	

Request

The Town of Mooresville is seeking to enter into an Annexation Agreement with the Town of Davidson pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A, Article 4A, Part 6.

Project Description

The Town of Davidson and Town of Mooresville have been working together for a couple of years to discuss, evaluate, and draft an annexation agreement to help clarify the future boundary line between the two towns. Municipalities are permitted under the NC General Statutes to enter into annexation agreements to assist with orderly growth.

The proposed annexation agreement follows state law and contains the following provisions:

- Valid for 20 years
- Unilateral termination requires a 5-year notice period
- The areas are defined for potential future Mooresville and Davidson town boundaries
- Utility interconnects are permitted between utility agencies
- At least 60 days of notice between towns is required prior to annexation public hearings

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Annexation Agreement to help ensure orderly future development and growth for the Town, as well as clarity for property owners in the area between the Town of Mooresville and Town of Davidson.

Town Board Options & Consistency Statement

1. Approve:

Approve the ordinance adopting the Mooresville-Davidson Annexation Agreement

2. Deny:

Deny the ordinance adopting the Mooresville-Davidson Annexation Agreement

Attachments

- 1. Ordinance Approving an Annexation Agreement with the Town of Davidson
- 2. Annexation Agreement between the Town of Mooresville and Town of Davidson

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A, Article 4A, Part 6 authorizes cities and towns to enter into binding agreements concerning future annexation in order to enhance the orderly planning by such cities and towns, as well as residents and property owners in areas adjacent to such cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, all of the requirements contained in G.S. 160A, Article 4A, Part 6 pertaining to adoption of this ordinance have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mooresville held a public hearing on the Annexation Agreement on June 20, 2022 prior to adoption of this ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Town of Mooresville has determined that it is appropriate and desirable for the Town of Mooresville to enter into the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Mooresville, that:

Section 1. The proposed Annexation Agreement between the Town of Mooresville and the Town of Davidson is hereby approved and ratified and the Mayor is directed to execute the Agreement with the Mayor of the Town of Davidson as soon as practicable, with the Agreement to become effective as provided for in the Agreement.

Section 2. The approved Agreement is attached to this ordinance and is incorporated herein, and this ordinance and the executed Agreement shall be entered upon the minutes of this meeting.

Section 3. This ordinance is effective upon the date of its adoption.

Adopted this 20 day of June

,2022

Miles Atkins, Mayor

Attest: \ Genevieve Glaser, Town Clerk

Approved as to form: _____ Sharon T. Crawford Town Attorney



ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IREDELL AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES

WHEREAS, the Town of Mooresville and the Town of Davidson, (collectively, the "Participating Municipalities") duly incorporated municipalities under the laws of the State of North Carolina, desire to eliminate uncertainty among residents and property owners in unincorporated areas adjacent to the participating municipalities and also to improve planning by public and private interests in such areas; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 160A, Article 4A, Part 6, of the General Statutes of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") authorizes municipalities to enter into binding agreements concerning future annexation in order to enhance orderly planning by such municipalities as well as residents and property owners in areas adjacent to such municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. This Agreement is executed pursuant to the authority of the Act, codified as G.S. Chapter 160A, Article 4A, Part 6.
- 2. This Agreement shall be in effect for twenty (20) years after its effective date.

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e) The parties agree that an interconnection of utility services may be beneficial for both communities and, if desired, shall be negotiated by the parties at that time. The prohibition to extend water or sewer is not intended to prevent an interconnection of utility services between the parties.

- 4. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date of adoption of the approving ordinance by the last participating municipality to do so.
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- 6. This Agreement will not be effective unless the participating municipalities have held a public hearing on this Agreement, or the participating municipalities have held a joint public hearing, prior to adopting the ordinance approving this Agreement. Until each participating municipality has held a public hearing and approved an ordinance, this shall be considered a proposed agreement.
- 7. Any party may waive in writing, in its sole and absolute discretion, the notice requirements set out herein and in the Act. Such waiver may only be made by the party's governing body. It is agreed that the Mayor of Mooresville and the Mayor of Davidson are respectively authorized to execute waivers of said requirements, only after such waiver has been approved by the governing board of their respective

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ATTEST:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM: aron Nautura

Sharon Crawford, Town Attorney

TOWN OF DAVIDSON By: Rusty Knox, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Elizabeth K. Shores, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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